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Dear Mr. Lazar:

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Sincerely yours,



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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE  
FEDERATION OF ARCHITECTS,  
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[REDACTED]  
delivered to the Los Angeles Office a quantity of documents for examination.  
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An examination of this material reflects that it pertains entirely to individuals and organizations in Northern California, primarily around Berkeley, Oakland, California and that general area. Most of the material relates to the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians-CIO and to an organization known as the Northern California Association of Scientists.

This material is being forwarded under separate cover for your office to examine and make copies of any of the documents that you see fit or to take any of the information from these documents.

The material enclosed consists of papers in four manila folders and in two black Accobind folders.

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# U.S. Court Orders Tenney Anti-Red Group to Trial

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—(INS)—The Ninth Federal Circuit Court of Appeal today reversed a ruling by Federal Judge George B. Harris and ordered trial of a damage suit brought by William P. Brandhove against State Senator Jack Tenney and other members of the Tenney Un-American Activities Committee.

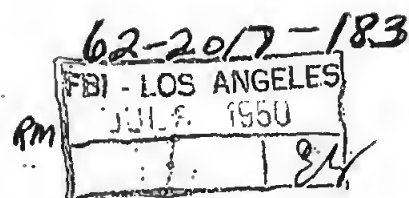
Judge Harris had dismissed the case on the ground there was no showing of a cause for action.

The Ninth Circuit Court, remanding the case to the Federal District Court for trial, held that "the defendant may have ground to complain of an abuse by the committee of its powers."

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## Appeal Court Orders Trial of Suit on Tenney Committee

By International News Service

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—The Ninth Federal Circuit Court of Appeal today reversed a ruling by Federal Judge George B. Harris and ordered trial of a damage suit brought by William F. Brandhove against State Senator Jack Tenney and other members of the Tenney Committee on Un-American Activities.

Brandhove charged that he was used by the committee to "smear" Congressman Frank R. Havenner in 1947 as a "Red."

Brandhove said he passed around a petition to members of the State Legislature seeking to have them condemn the Tenney committee.

He charged that he was then

seized by the committee, that Tenney read a statement of what he claimed was Brandhove's "criminal record" and that the committee then sent him (Brandhove) to jail for 15 days for failure to answer certain questions.

Brandhove sued for damages but Judge Harris dismissed the case on the ground there was no showing of a cause for action.

The Ninth Circuit Court, remanding the case to the Federal District Court for trial, held that "the defendant may have ground to complain of an abuse by the committee of its powers."

Brandhove also sued Mayor Elmer E. Robinson of San Francisco but the Appellate Court up-

held dismissal of the action against the mayor ordered by Judge Harris.

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## Sen. Tenney Goes to N. Y. Meeting To Fight Communism

State Senator Jack B. Tenney today was en route to New York City to attend an executive board meeting of the All-American Conference to combat communism.

The organization is comprised of 50 organizations representing patriotic, veteran, civic, labor, service, fraternal and religious groups throughout the country.

Chief objective of the conference is sponsorship of an educational program to acquaint citizens with the best ways to combat the Red menace in this country.

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CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. COLONEL  
FREDERICK HEIN, <sup>OTcy</sup> G-TWO, SIXTH ARMY, ADVISED TODAY THAT HIS OFFICE HAD BEEN  
CHAIRMAN  
APPROACHED BY STATE SENATOR HUGH BURNS/OF ABOVE MENTIONED COMMITTEE  
REQUESTING THAT A JOINT MEETING BE HELD IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE BETWEEN ONI,  
G-TWO, AND FBI [REDACTED] ABOVE COMMITTEE.  
BURNS STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ONI, G-TWO, OR  
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SANFRANCISCO. BURNS DID NOT INDICATE TO COLONEL HEIN BY WHAT LEGAL MEANS  
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AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE  
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On the evening of August 22, 1950, the writer observed a program entitled "Teleforum" which appeared over Station KTLA, Channel 5, at 11:30 PM on that evening. The moderator of this program is FREEMAN LUSK, and the topic for the evening was "Is It Necessary to Intern American Communists?" The participants in this debate were the captioned individuals representing the negative and State Senator JACK B. TENNEY and ERIC PRIDINOFF for the affirmative.

Prior to introducing the participants in the program, FREEMAN LUSK stated that he did not desire to have any Communists in his show; affirmed his own Americanism; and stated that he wanted this topic to be discussed solely by Americans and did not desire to give Communists an opportunity to appear on his show.

In his preface, he stated that KEN CROFT was the Associate Director of the American Friends Service Committee, which he stated is a pacifist organization. He stated that GEORGE ROLF is a member of the same committee.

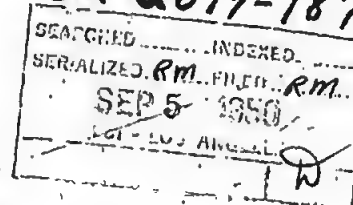
Senator TENNEY was invited to speak first, at which time he quoted from the Communist Manual which he said was written by J. PETERS who left the United States on the same ship as GERHARDT EISLER. Senator TENNEY stated that the Communist Manual is the Bible of the Communist Party, and he quoted a pledge that each member of the Communist Party takes. He stated that we must certainly recognize that a person pledged to defend the Soviet Union is an enemy of this country. TENNEY quoted J. EDGAR HOOVER as stating that every important Communist functionary in the United States has been trained in the LENIN Institute in Moscow for espionage. TENNEY stated that the Communists should be interned and placed in a spot where they cannot commit espionage. He stated that he had given no thought how they should be interned but stated certainly there should be nothing inhuman in the treatment of them.

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KEN CROFT was given the floor and stated that with regard to the Communist Manual, he also has a Bible which in it states you should love your enemies and do good to others who persecute you. He stated that this country is founded on equality, liberty, justice, etc. He said that we must remember that Communists after all are human beings, and that many of them are also citizens of this country. He stated that California has a poor record regarding the treatment of its citizens which he elucidated by discussing the treatment of Japanese during the recent World War. He stated that if we intern Communists, we are going too far in the direction of totalitarian methods, and that we should remember the proverb, "You become what you fight." CROFT stated that he is afraid this country will approach the totalitarian method if we insist on interning Communists. CROFT claimed that the loyalty oath was stupid, stating that the Communists are the first to swear allegiance to this country. He made other remarks concerning the fact that we must respect the rights of the minority and also directed his arguments along moral Christian lines.

ERIC FRIDINOFF then spoke and stated that CROFT was arguing that Christians should object to interning certain people. FRIDINOFF said that we isolate murders, place the insane in institutions, and that traitors are killed. He stated that Communists are servants of the Communist International and of the Soviet Union, a foreign power, and that they should not, therefore, be treated as Americans but should be treated as traitors. He stated that as an example of the way that Communists outside the Soviet Union follow the instructions of STALIN, that at the time HITLER was invading Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, STALIN instructed the Communists in those countries to assist HITLER, which they did, engaging in sabotage and other obstructive methods. FRIDINOFF continued that he considered Communists to be criminals and worse than murders. He stated that a Communist dedicates his life to Communism, whereas a murder can be corrected. He concluded by stating that he believes the Communists must be segregated for our own protection.

GEORGE ROLF then spoke and stated that he is not emphatically opposed to interning Communists but was concerned with the method of interning them, with particular reference to insuring the preservation of their civil liberties. There was some discussion about the proper method of interning and ROLF stated that

he believes there should be definite information concerning each individual interned that he had either engaged in sabotage or some other operation deleterious to the country and appeared to feel also that process of interning could be handled by the courts through presentation of evidence against the individuals.

CROFT then entered the discussion and stated that he is a Presbyterian; that he fought in World War II; and that he has become a pacifist since World War II. FRIDINOFF asked CROFT, "What would you do with a traitor?" CROFT answered the question by asking, "What do you mean by a traitor?", and continued by stating that he disagrees with the view that Communists are not human beings or Americans, and that they must have protection under our laws; that if we adopted the technique of other countries, we sacrifice the principles of our country. He stated that Chief Justice HOLMES stressed there must be an "immediate danger" before a person can be restrained. CROFT was afraid that tomorrow we will intern the Communists and then who will be next. He continued that since the FBI has such good records and we know who all the Communists are, they should not be interned until there is at least a clear and present danger.

TENNEY quoted from the book "Why Communism" by M. G. OGLAND (phonetic). He stated that the book tells every member of the Communist Party that in the event of a Russian war, the workers throughout the world in ammunition plants should go on strike, railroad workers should go on strike and guard against others operating the railroads. Senator TENNEY said that the only thing he wants to do is to insure the country is secure. He stated that the Communist is iron disciplined and would commit murder or any crime for Russia.

ROLF then spoke and stated he was against putting the Japanese away in the last war and stated what we should do now is segregate only those who are saboteurs and who are dangerous and put them away. He said that he is concerned lest some individuals who are not Communists be interned. FRIDINOFF then spoke and said that innocent people are frequently sent to prison, and it is possible the same thing might happen in connection with the Communists. There was some general discussion, and then FRIDINOFF stated there is only one way to treat a traitor - "He should be executed."

TENNEY then told KEN CROFT that you are the type of person who is used by the Communists in their various front organizations and such other things as the Stockholm Peace Petition. ROLF then interjected that if they gave each of the Communists a trial, he could not complain against that. There were some other remarks which were personally pointed at CROFT, at which point, LUSK interposed the statement that CROFT is a Christian pacifist and a conscientious objector and explained that from his interpretation of CROFT's discussion, CROFT is against internment solely on the basis of Constitutional Rights and religious grounds. LUSK further explained the position of FRIDINOFF and TENNEY, stating that they believed that Communists are not loyal to the United States, and that it is a national security measure to intern them at this time. LUSK stated that there would be no time for further general discussion and invited listeners to phone in questions.

One question was directed to TENNEY asking him about the Independent Progressive Party. TENNEY replied that this was an implementation of the Communist Party. Following this statement by TENNEY, LUSK offered representatives of the IPP to defend their position. A question was asked of CROFT that he distinguish between an American Communist and a Communist. CROFT answered this by stating that American Communists have not been required to face the question of loyalty.

The program ended.



# Tenney Charges Samish Had Anti-Red Bills Killed

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 18 (AP) — Sen. Jack B. Tenney (R) Los Angeles, charged today his 1949 anti-Communist program in the Legislature was killed on orders from Liquor Lobbyist Arthur H. Samish.

He made the statement in discussing a new series of loyalty oath and antislavery bills which he will place before the special legislative session convening here Wednesday.

Tenney, former chairman of the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities, declared a "lot of legislators" who op-

posed his program last year are now "trying to get on the band wagon."

The 1949 Tenney bills, including loyalty oath provisions for public employees, teachers, lawyers and others, passed the Senate but died in the Assembly.

Tenney told newsmen today

that "what happened in the Assembly was not due to the philosophy of the members but because Samish passed on the order." He did not ascribe the motive, but he said "Samish would either do it for a fee or for a whim."

In San Francisco Samish today termed the charges as "silly."

Samish denied Tenney's charges and added, "Why, the man (Tenney) has become a funny man without a mustache."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: September 25, 1950

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: TENNEY COMMITTEE REPORTS OF 1948 INDEX

Efforts have been made to secure the 1949 Index from [REDACTED] the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on un-American activities, 502 Brix Building, Fresno, California, with negative results. [REDACTED] advised that the Committee has not compiled an Index for their 1949 report and in view of the fact that they contemplate their 1950 report being published within a comparatively short period of time, that no 1949 indices will be made. She stated that at the publication of their 1950 report their 1949 Indices will be completed and published in their 1950 report.

Both the 1949 and 1950 Indices will be made available to the writer by the Committee at Fresno, California.

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON  
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[redacted]  
advised that this committee has the following plan as to a number of known Communist Party members attached to the University of California at Berkeley, California. [redacted] did not identify these Communists by name.

[redacted] advised that there is a Section of the California Code which states that any employee of the University of California who refuses to answer questions of any Fact Finding Committee of the California Legislature will be dropped from the payroll of the University from the date of a certification to the Board of Regents from this Committee of the Legislature that the Employee was called before the Committee and refused to answer questions. [redacted] stated that this Section of the Code is mandatory and not permissive and that it refers specifically to the University of California.

[redacted] stated that with this Section of the Code in mind they intend to subpoena a number of the instructors at the University, who they can prove are or have been CP members by one of their informants who is dependable, before a close session of the Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities; that they will not inform them of this section on the Code compelling them to answer questions and that they will ask them the one question, "Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party or Communist Political Association?". He stated they expect all of those called to refuse to answer the question and they will dismiss them immediately. He stated that if they admit being or having been a Communist they will be immediately discharged from their job at the University by the policy already laid down by the Board of Regents at the University.

[redacted] further stated that two or three weeks later they will call an open session of the Committee on Un-American Activities with the Press and Public present; that they will subpoena the same group of persons and as they take the Witness Chair they will read to them the above-mentioned section of the California Code and relate to them their answer at the previous session and give them a chance to change their testimony. If they still refuse to answer the question, they will have them dropped from the Payroll of the University for their contempt in accordance with the above statute. If they deny they are or have ever been a member of the CP, they will then proceed to prove it by their Informant and prosecute the witness for perjury. If they admit being or having been a CP member they will then be discharged in accordance with the policy of the University laid down recently by the Board of Regents.

Submitted for information.

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SENATOR

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Claremont, California.

Dear

Thanks so much for your hearty endorsement of my candidacy for reelection to the State Senate.

It is most unusual in these confusing times to find a man of your clarity of thought and discriminating wisdom. Our generation has seen an unprecedented rise of demagoguery, and it is refreshing to hear from people like yourself whose keen mind readily pierces the smoke-screen of politics.

Congressman Nixon and Edward S. Shattuck will be most pleased to learn that you have been

I am happy to know that you are working so diligently in behalf of candidates who put love of their country ahead of partisan politics.

Rest assured that I shall continue to work for American ideals and thus prove worthy of your splendid confidence.

Very truly yours,

JACK B. TENNEY.

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Claremont, California  
October 30, 1950.

Dear Mr. Tenney,

I am returning your smear words in a condition which will not permit their being used again. It may interest you to know that I am voting a straight Democratic ticket this year even though I am a registered Republican, because I am determined to defeat this smear by the reactionary fascists such as you and Nixon and Shattuck. The Nixons and the Knowlands and the McCarthys must be defeated lest the ruin all of the freedom we have in this country by their fear and smear tactics. I wish to emphasize that I am voting against you and for your opponent Mr. Schmidt, and I am also leading the campus drive to elect Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas.

I hope I have made it clear that I do not support you and never have, so do not INSULT me by suggesting such a thing. In fact, you are my prime target for 1954, and with cross-filing gone, you won't have a chance. It will be interesting to see how large the protest vote is against/on November 7th. Thank God you are not fooling all Los Angeles citizens.                      you

I hereby repeat my offer of June, 1950, for you to die in office. With a record like yours: Communist in the thirties, Fascistic in the forties, it must hurt you to look in the mirror and know what a heel you really are. I wouldn't want that on my conscience. As California's Hitler, theoretically at least, you are our answer to New York's Marcanonio. How dare either of you have the contempt to call yourselves Americans? It is the nth degree of vile hypocrisy.

You may use this letter in your campaign if you wish. More people should know the truth about you. It tears my heart to realize that if the Communists hadn't put up Robert Kenny and thus split the ticket, you would not have made it. But Commies are smart people. They know how you have continually fought freedom and have corrupted the state with Gestapo methods. Yes, you were quite a victory for them. I have never hated anybody, but you come the closest to the person I feel sorry for the most. May God have mercy on your pitifully ignorant ways.

"Of you—no more—in '54"

[redacted]

November 6, 1950 -

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P.S. I have had a number of written threats indicating a possible attempt upon my life during my incumbency in office. Your concern in this regard is deeply touching and I have turned several of your communications over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and you may rest assured that if anything should happen to me within the next four years that you will be contacted by this Agency.

J.B.T.

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CALIFORNIA DEFENSE AND SECURITY CORPS  
P. O. BOX 356, ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

GREENING SECTION

21 November 1950

Mr. Harry Kimball  
Special Agent in Charge of  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Office

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kimball:

Following my telephone conversation of this date, you and your representatives  
will be attending a seminar on Communism to be held in Stillwell Hall, Presidio of  
San Francisco, 3 November 1950, from 0900 to 1630 each day.

This seminar is sponsored by the California Defense and Security Corps  
of the Adjutant General's Office, in cooperation with the California Senate Fact-Finding  
Committee on American Activities, in order that key personnel of the Civil Defense  
Program, California Defense and Security Corps and the National Guard be informed con-  
cerning Communism and the Communist Party activities within the State.

Well informed speakers have been selected to cover the following subjects:

- a. Development of Marxism
- b. Theoretical and Practical Communism
- c. The Russian Revolution of 1917
- d. International Communist Organization
- e. History of Communist Movement in the United States
- f. Current Party Techniques and Organization in California
- g. Analysis of International Communist Situation as it Affects the U. S.
- h. Front Organizations, Espionage and Sabotage Activities

The lectures will be based on official documented material.

Feeling that you and some of your agents would desire to be present, we  
have tentatively set aside ten seats for your use. We are requesting that all groups  
supply us with a list, as early as possible, with the number of persons who are  
expected to attend. Should you desire to send more than ten, kindly inform us  
immediately so arrangements can be made to accommodate them.

Arrangements have been made for a smorgasbord table on Saturday, and lunch  
on Sunday will be available at the Reserve Officers' Club in Stillwell.

Sincerely,

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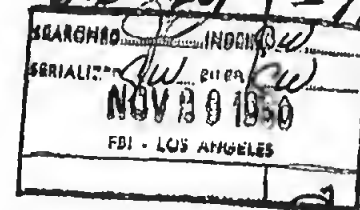
Transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau, as well  
as the Los Angeles and San Diego Offices, are copies of a letter dated  
November 24, 1950 received from Colonel O. J. JAHNSEN, GSC, National Guard,  
inviting representatives of this office to attend a Seminar on Communism to be  
held in Stillwell Hall, Presidio of San Francisco, December 2 and 3, 1950. It  
is noted that seminar is sponsored by the California Defense and Security Corps  
of the Adjutant General's Office in cooperation with the California Senate  
Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, in order that key personnel  
of the Civil Defense Program, California Defense and Security Corps and the  
National Guard may be informed concerning Communism and the Communist Party  
activities within the State.

I personally thanked Colonel JAHNSEN for the invitation and  
advised him that it would not be possible for representatives of this office to  
attend.

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COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES**

Reference is made to my letter dated November 27, 1950 in the captioned matter, copies of which were designated for the Los Angeles and San Diego Divisions.

While talking with Colonel O. J. JAHNSEN (NA), CSC, California National Guard, today, he mentioned that a similar Communist seminar under the same sponsorship has been scheduled for December 9 and 10, 1950 at Fort MacArthur, Los Angeles County, California.

Colonel JAHNSEN commented that Assistant Attorney General HENRY DIETZ, who, as the Bureau will recall, is a former Bureau agent, has been designated as being in charge of the Prevention of Sabotage Unit in the California Civil Defense set-up and has requested that one hundred seats be made available at each of the seminars for selected law enforcement officials. In this regard Colonel JAHNSEN stated that DIETZ has sent state teletypes to one hundred Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs in Northern California, and will send similar teletypes to Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs in Southern California inviting them to attend these seminars. Colonel JAHNSEN stated that DIETZ felt that a basic education in Communism at the present time would be of assistance to the officers in connection with their handling of civil defense assignments.

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## Seminar on Communism Opens at Ft. MacArthur

A two-day seminar on Communism, its aims and projects, began yesterday at Ft. MacArthur with about 500 peace officers and members of defense and security organizations in attendance.

The seminar is being held under the sponsorship of the California Adjutant General's office and the fact-finding Legislature Un-American Activities Committee under State Sen. Hugh Burns. Attending are delegates from Sheriffs' offices, Police Departments, the National Guard and State defense organizations.

Brig. Gen. George Fisher, commanding general, 114th AAA Brigade, San Diego, was chairman of the day. Speakers included Stuart Richardson Ward, executive secretary of the Commonwealth Club, San Francisco; Richard B. Combs, attorney for

the Burns committee, and Charles Malamuth, historian, author and authority on Communist activities.

Sen. Burns will address the meeting today.

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## Red Drive to Win Students Revealed

Five cases of attempts by Communists to recruit West Coast college and high school students will be revealed Thursday by the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee.

Committee Attorney Richard Combs said they followed a pattern similar to that which allegedly lead to the suspected "psychological murder" of 21-year-old Everitt A. Hudson, University of California at Los Angeles student.

The committee Thursday will hear testimony as to the probable cause of Hudson's mysterious death along with evidence of alleged Communist intimidation of students at the University of Washington, University of California at Berkeley, Stanford, and two unidentified high schools, Combs said.

### AGENTS ACT—

Combs described the Communist technique in schools and colleges at a seminar at Fort MacArthur theater for 200 National Guardsmen and civil law enforcement officials yesterday.

Combs identified two University of Washington professors who, he said, were dismissed on evidence uncovered by the committee that they had indoctrinated students into the Communist fold.

He named them as Professors Herbert Phillips and Ralph Gundlach, both of whom had been on the faculty more than a score of years.

At a hearing prior to dismissal, Phillips admitted membership in the Communist Party.

### AUTOPSY REPORT—

University President Raymond B. Allen referred to Gundlach's "ambiguous relationship" with the Communist Party in recommending his discharge.

"Their technique of indoctrination was the same as that employed in the UCLA student case," Combs declared.

He said evidence shows that Communist agents played on

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Hudson's "liberal's attitude" and sought to interest him in "the new concept of living."

Dr. Frederick A. Newbarr, autopsy surgeon, has said that "shock and fear," of Communist agents, virtual "psychological murder," may have caused young Hudson's death.

His body was found September 28, 1948, in the furnace pit of a campus dormitory on the UCLA campus.

Committee Head Senator Burns told the seminar that the United States is today "at one of its gravest danger points in history" as a result of the establishment of "hundreds" of Communist fronts here and other "thousands"

He described the Communist Party as a dangerous fifth column—not a political party, but a foreign agency of the Communist party of Russia—a malignant growth nurtured under the guise of political freedom and aimed at our destruction from within.

He said the number one project of the Communist Party today in this country is to "vilify and undermine the FBI."

The two-day seminar which closed yesterday was jointly sponsored by the Burns committee and the Adjutant General's Office of California for persons who would form the home defense corps in the event of Russian attack.

## FEUD BETWEEN TENNEY, KILPATRICK BLAZES UP

SACRAMENTO, May 25 (AP)—The feud between Assemblyman Kilpatrick (D) Los Angeles, and Sen. Tenney (R) Los Angeles, blazed higher today.

Kilpatrick introduced an Assembly resolution asking an investigation of the "alleged subversive activities" of Tenney.

The resolution said records of the former Dies Committee on Un-American Activities include an affidavit from an admitted Communist saying Tenney was a card-carrying member of the party and was associated with several Communist-front organizations.

Tenney cracked in commenting on the resolution:

"As the Mortimer Snerd of the Legislature, Kilpatrick is still in character."

He said he never has been a member of the Communist Party, but that "in my first session in 1937, I was surrounded by all those birds."

"I thought they were Dem-

ocrats. It took me about a year to find out otherwise."

Tenney said he was a Democratic Party member ~~then~~ now he is a Republican.

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# Red Drive Charged in State's Schools

## Technique of Communist Youth Traced in Senate Inquiry Report

SACRAMENTO, June 8 (AP)—The Communist Party has infiltrated California universities, colleges and even high schools in a search for recruits and atomic secrets, legislative investigators charged today.

The Senate Committee on Un-American Activities traced the Communist youth technique in a 291-page book-size report:

Hitting hard at the University of California in particular—with a plain warning its top officials should be fired if any more Communist-front meetings are permitted on the campus.

Defending the special university loyalty oath and listing the leader of the nonsigners, Prof. Edward Tolman, as affiliated at one time or another with six Communist-dominated or front organizations.

### Kilpatrick Hit

Recommending removal of Assemblyman Kilpatrick (D) Los Angeles, as chairman of the Assembly Interim Committee on Crime and Corrections. His association with alleged "Communist enterprises" over a 16-year period was given as the reason. Kilpatrick denied he ever has been a member or sympathizer of the Communist party.

The report, sixth since the committee was formed, refers to the "tragic lack of information by educational administrators and faculty members concerning the real nature and activities of the Communist Party."

It cites the death of a UCLA student as offering documentary

evidence of the Red network in the school system and what can happen to those who break with the party.

The committee's chief counsel, R. E. Combs of Visalia, presents the Los Angeles autopsy report to support his own belief that the student, Everitt Hudson, was slain to keep him from spilling Communist secrets. Hudson was found dead in the basement of a college dormitory.

As to the infiltration charge—"There cannot be the slightest doubt about the existence of student Communist organizations at the University of California in Berkeley and Los Angeles.

### Teamwork Charged

"There is also a student Communist unit at Stanford; one at the University of Southern California and others at various State colleges, junior colleges and some of the larger high schools throughout the State."

In Palo Alto a spokesman for Stanford University said, "There is no indication of any Communist activity on the Stanford campus and there has been none for many years." In Berkeley

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University of California officials said there would be no statement at this time.

The five-man committee, headed by Sen. Hugh M. Burns (D) Fresno, asserts the Communist Party has teamed with its secret members on the faculty and with front youth organizations to spread its "warped" ideas.

"Communism," it observed, "is seldom advocated in the classroom by undercover members of college faculties."

Exposure and expulsion would follow, the report sets forth, thus ending the instructor's value to the party. Instead, the investigators found that such agents work off the campus, through the youth groups, to recruit new adherents.

"The access to students and to critical research projects are the reasons for Communists to seek employment in universities," the report says.

#### Case of Fox Cited

It tells of the case of Irving David Fox. He was dismissed from his job with an atomic research laboratory at the University of California after he admitted he had been a Communist member.

The committee upbraided the university in strong language for an incident dating back to 1946. That was when it said the California Labor School in San Francisco—described in the report as a Communist center—wheeled university officials into a joint venture.

An "institute on labor, education and world peace" was held on the Berkeley campus and the Senate group says, "There was simply no excuse whatever for this blunder." It continues:

#### Termed Amazing

Here, then, was an amazing occurrence," it continues, "one of the world's greatest institutions of learning aiding and abetting an international conspiracy the prime objective of which was the overthrow of the American form of government, together with its free educational institutions and political freedom, its academic freedom."

The five investigating Senators declare that if university officials "persist" in aiding the Communist conspiracy, however innocently—

"Then this committee, at least, believes it is high time they were replaced by people who take a more realistic attitude toward such a serious condition."

The report also criticizes the publication of the Hollywood Quarterly by the university press. It says university officials concluded the magazine was harmless but that in the committee's opinion:

The majority of the quarterly's personnel "have impressive records of horsing about with Communist schools, Communist fronts and Communist Party members like Lawson and Trumbo."

#### Contempt Case Pair

John Howard Lawson and Dalton Trumbo were among the screen writers cited for contempt by the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington.

The committee says that when, by 1949, the American Youth for Democracy had been exposed as a Communist league, it folded up and re-emerged under the name of the Labor Youth League.

The report says that in Los Angeles County there is a campus branch of the Communist organization. Student Communists at UCLA belong to the Mike Quinn Club, with headquarters at 124 W 6th St., Los Angeles, which is also the Communist party office.

At Berkeley, the report says the campus branch of the party consists of two student clubs—called the Merriman and Hal-

dane Clubs. Headquarters are also at the party office in Oakland.

The committee comments: "One fact emerges with crystal clarity: The chief source of recruits that are considered of greatest potential value to the party lies in the vast reservoir of the nation's youth, especially the students."

Turning to the UC loyalty oath, it speaks of the bitterly fought requirement—ruled out by the Appellate Court and now under review by the State Supreme Court—as "certainly a step in the right direction" and adds:

"It has been contended by many that secret members of the Communist party will sign a non-Communist statement if only for the purpose of diverting suspicion. In many cases that is undoubtedly true.

#### Viewed as Deterrent

It is also true, however, that such a compulsory statement is a powerful deterrent to recruiting. It places the entire personnel of the university squarely on record against the hiring or retention of Communists, and the committee fails to discern anything very bad in that."

The report refers critically to "The Year of the Oath," a book on the campus controversy compiled by a group of professors headed by George R. Stewart. The book, it says, shows the naive academic attitude toward Communism in general.

For instance, it says, the description of Irving David Fox, the dismissed atomic research worker, implies that "such a chap could not possibly be connected with a vicious international conspiracy; a fanatic Communist dedicated to the subversion of his own country."

#### **Mrs. Sherman's Case**

Similarly, the committee says Mrs. Miriam Brooks Sherman, who played the piano at UCLA rhythms classes, is depicted as a somewhat pitiful woman. She was fired, it says, because her sister also was on the UCLA payroll; university regulation forbids employment of relatives of employees.

The report quotes this statement from the "Year of the Oath": "As some disillusioned wit among us has remarked: 'The special oath seems to be an ineffective means of getting rid of Communists—who aren't here to begin with!'"

"Not there?" the committee asked. "Here are three, at least."

"Do the members of the (university) academic senate believe that because Fox, the admitted Communist, was only a teaching assistant that he was not dangerous to keep in the atomic bomb research laboratory?"

#### **Idea Held Absurd**

"Do they believe that a Communist who plays the piano and has a sister is not apt to be dangerous? Do Communists at the university have to be ugly, unmarried and members of the academic senate to be dangerous? Of course, such a conception is utterly absurd."

The report goes on:

"A Communist janitor, guard, typist, switchboard operator — these persons are often more dangerous than English professors who are members of the academic senate."

"It is a well-known fact that in Soviet embassies and consulates a gardener or chauffeur is usually the real boss and issues orders to the ambassador or the consul."

#### **Aide's Possible Role**

"And a teaching assistant or a minor figure on a university publication can, and ordinarily would, issue party directives to such Communists who might be members of the academic senate."

The committee says it found

an exact parallel in the case of a middle-aged woman named Wilhelmina Loughrey who testified at an Oakland hearing in 1946. She is described as well educated, cultured, genial, with a disarming personality—"certainly not the type of person one would believe to be a fanatic member of the Communist conspiracy."

Yet, the report says, she testified she was a member of the Communist Party and that she operated a bookstore in Berkeley within a block of the university gates. And in 1941, it says, an underground school for a small group of party specialists was held at her home near Orinda.

#### **Communist Course**

In the nature of review, the committee relates that in 1942 a great amount of critical research was going on at the university campus. It dealt with the atomic bomb and other matters in which the Communists were interested.

From 1923 to 1942, the report says, the Communist Party centered its recruiting efforts in California on the University of California at Berkeley.

But after that, it was deemed expedient to divert attention from Communist operations at Berkeley by transferring agitational activities to UCLA.

Simultaneously, however, the committee says, there appeared in Alameda County—in which Berkeley is located—a great many individuals who were known to investigators as espionage agents for the Soviet Union.

The Senate group submitted its report without any over-all conclusions or recommendations. The report is signed by all five members, including Chairman Burns; Nelson S. D. worth (R) Hemet; Clyde A. Watson (R) Orange; Nathan F. Coombs (R) Napa, and Earl D. Desmond (D) Sacramento.



# State Red Report Urges UC Shakeup

## Senate Group Accuses Officials of Abetting Communism

By Carl Greenberg

Los Angeles Examiner Political Editor

EXAMINER BUREAU, SACRAMENTO, June 8.—Accusing University of California administrators of "aiding and abetting" the "international conspiracy" of Communism, the California Senate Un-

American Activities Committee today pointed toward a sweeping shakeup of top personnel as the only solution to the problem.

In a 290-page report of its activities during the past two years, the committee, headed by Senator Hugh M. Burns, Fresno, said:

"If those to whom the parents have entrusted their children persist in airily brushing aside the terrible menace that has stared us all in the face for the past 30 years, and through sheer ignorance even aid and abet, however innocently, the Communist conspiracy in this country, then this committee, at least, believes it is high time they were replaced by people who take a more realistic attitude toward such a serious condition."

### HUDSON CASE

The committee which devoted a major portion of its report to Red infiltration of UC, "One of the world's greatest institutions of learning," also:

1. Held the death of Everitt Hudson, student on the Los Angeles campus of the university, on September 28, 1948, was a murder by "inhibition" and that Hudson, once indoctrinated with Communism, was "killed" after writing a document disclosing extent of Communist infiltration at UCLA.

2. Branded the Hollywood Quarterly, magazine published by UC, a "traitorous enterprise" through which "an intimate liaison has been maintained" between Hollywood Communists and UCLA.

3. Held that Assemblyman Vernon Kilpatrick, Democrat, Los Angeles, recently defeated City Council candidate, furthered the Communist party line for over 16 years and should not head the Lower House Interim crime and correction committee.

4. Listed former Vice President Henry Wallace as a contributor to a publication of the committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, labelled a Communist front, which as far back as October, 1950, printed material paving the way for Gen. Douglas MacArthur's summary removal "from the path of Communist domination."

5. Vigorously supported the UC regent's requirements for a nonCommunist oath from faculty members and other employees, and pointed out that even a Communist janitor at the institution might be the "real boss" of Red activities, issuing orders to Academic Senate members.

### LISTS 19 FRONTS

6. Listed 19 current asserted Communist fronts and cited Dr. Linus C. Pauling, California Institute of Technology scientist,

and Dr. Thomas Mann, author, as two figures "who continue to protest that they are not fellow travelers while at the same time they are in the process of joining one Communist front organization after another."

In a lengthy review of young Hudson's death and the events leading up to it, the committee said teaching slanted along Marxian lines at Los Angeles University High School, followed by similar indoctrination at Stanford University and UCLA conditioned him for his "high-level position as a Communist."

The finding that Hudson, son of a wealthy architect, was slain, was based on testimony of Dr. Frederick Newbarr, chief Los Angeles county autopsy surgeon, coupled with analysis of correspondence received and written by the youth.

### CRYPTIC NOTE

This included Hudson's own letter to his parents telling them in a cryptic postscript that if he should die "in any manner" to "promptly" deliver his body to "one of the college medical schools."

"This isn't the product of being depressed today," the youth wrote. "It's just something I want done in case anything should happen."

Dr. Newbarr testified that Hudson died from a pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs) but that natural, suicidal and accidental causes were eliminated, leaving only "inhibition"—the "depressing effect of certain stimulus or stimuli which affect the central nervous system and the action of the heart"—resulting in immediate death.

This, the report said, was "not entirely psychological" in the surgeon's opinion, but, in Hudson's case, "required some sort of deliberate physical contact for the purpose of producing actual death."

The "exact technique," the committee said, "should never be made public, for obvious reasons."

### BODY IN PIT

Hudson's body was found crumpled in the basement furnace pit of an off-campus dormitory. The report said evidence showed his body probably was lowered into the pit, which several days later was mysteriously flooded for the first time in the history of the dormitory.

Giving "infiltration of University of California" by Communists special attention with a chapter heading, the committee report backtracked through World War II years to show how the university opened its arms to the "Communist-controlled" Hollywood Writers' Mobilization and the Writers' Congress at UCLA when John Howard Lawson, asserted topflight Communist,

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"chatted cozily" with UC officials and President Robert Gordon Sproul opened the affair by saying:

"Out of the tumult and the shouting of the papers and the politicians we welcome the Writers' Congress of 1948 . . ."

The Writers' Congress was held because the Hollywood writers' mobilization "was completely successful in fooling the administrative heads" of UC, the Un-American Activities body reported to the Senate.

The committee noted that Senator Jack B. Tenney, its former chairman, sent Dr. Sproul documentary evidence of what was being planned, but never received any acknowledgement.

#### **AFTERMATH—**

The Hollywood Quarterly was an aftermath of the Congress, the report continued and "heads of the university saw nothing peculiar in the personnel that actually ran their magazine—the majority of whom have impressive records of horsing about with Communist schools, Communist fronts and Communist party members like Lawson and (Dalton) Trumbo."

The fact-finding report filed today was written by Richard E. Combs, chief counsel for the Senate committee.

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# Tenney, Bishop Tippet in catch as catch row

By FRANK OBSERVER

Bishop Donald H. Tippet of the Methodist church and State Sen. Jack B. Tenney, R., Los Angeles, are engaged in a sort of catch-as-catch-can argument.

Up to now what the bishop says about Tenney adds up pretty much as follows:

"Tenney's leadership of the state committee (Senate Committee on Un-American Activities, which he once headed) was completely repudiated by the Legislature when it reorganized the group without Tenney as a member. Tenney is a thoroughly misguided man."

Up to now the main thing (not the only thing, however) that Tenney says about the bishop is this:

"The Methodists should throw Donald Tippet out the window."

In all such arguments it is of interest to learn exactly who the contestants are. By taking their own word for it we give them the breaks. We looked in Who's Who but could not find Tenney's name. We turned to the California Blue Book of 1950, where we find the

senator's biography. It follows:

"JACK B. TENNEY, 38th district, Republican. Born in St. Louis, Mo., April 1, 1898. Resident of Los Angeles county since 1908. Attended Los Angeles public schools. Admitted to State bar in San Francisco, Oct. 29, 1935. Engaged in practice of law with offices in Los Angeles. World War veteran, having served at general headquarters U. S. Army, American Expeditionary Forces, Chaumont, Hsute Marne, France. Member of American Federation of Musicians since 1919 and is past president, Local 47. Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Eagles, Masons and Elks. Member and past Toparch, Pyramid 46, Elks. Resides in Los Angeles. Elected to Assembly 1936, re-elected 1938 and 1940. Elected to Senate in 1942 from Los Angeles county, re-elected 1948 and 1950."

Nothing at all about the old Mexicall Rose days.

Who's Who, 1950-51 edition, gives quite a lot of space to the bishop. It says:

"TIPPETT, Donald Harvey: Bishop; born Central City, Colo., March 15, 1896; s. William and Louise Eugenia (Magor) T.; A.B., U. of Colo., 1920, D.D. 1930; B.D., Iliff Grad. Sch. of Theology, 1924; M.A., New York U., 1932; L.H.D., University of Southern California, 1943; LL.D., College of Surgeons and Physicians, 1944; Litt.D., Samuel Houston college, 1944; m. Ruth Underwood, June 16, 1922; children—Donald Mead, Philip Auman.

"Ordained ministry, Methodist church, 1919; minister Longmont, Colo., 1919, Johnston, Colo., 1920-21; pastor Christ church, Denver, 1922-25, Gunnison, Colo., 1926-27, Ch. of All Nations, New York, 1928-31, Bexley ch., Columbus, O., 1931-40; First Meth. ch., Los Angeles, Calif., 1940-48; bishop Methodist church, San Francisco area, since 1948.

"Instr. U. of Colo., 1918-20, Western State Coll. of Colo., 1926-27, Teachers' coll., Columbia U. (extension div.), 1929-31.

"Lecturer in homiletics, U. of So. Calif., 1944-48; Del. Meth. Gen. conf., 1944-48, Jurisdictional conf. 1940-44-48.

"Pres. Columbus and Franklin Co. Council Social Agencies; sec. Columbus Big Brother assn.; chm. Southern Calif. Council of Chs. Plaza Community center; trustee Los Angeles City Missionary soc.; trustee Goodwill Industries (Los Angeles); dir. Los Angeles Council of Social Agencies; dir. Volunteers of America (Los Angeles); mcm. bd. mgrs. YMCA; chm. welfare bureau Fedn. of Chs.; trustee Pacific Sch. of Religion, Coll. of Pacific.

"Mem. Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Kappa Delta, Theta Pi; Mason (K.T. 32 degree).

"Clubs: Variety, Optimist.

"Author: Voices of Yesterday Speak to Today, 1940; The Desires of a Godly Man, 1941; The Desires of a Religious Man, 1942; also one chapter in each of Strength for Service to God and Country, 1942, and Minister's Annual, 1942.

"Contrib. to Childhood Education, Christian Century, Christian Advocate, Epworth Herald, Church School Jour., Adult Bible Class Monthly, Home Quarterly.

"Home: 45 South Hampton Ave. Berkeley, Calif.

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California State Legislature

For the information of the Bureau, there are enclosed herewith two copies of the captioned report, each of which, it is noted, contains an index to not only the current report, but also to all previous reports issued by the predecessors of this committee since its inception in 1943.

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# COMPLAINT FORM

**JACK B. TINNEY**

Subject's Name and Aliases

California State Legislature  
Sacramento, Calif.

Address of Subject  
Security Matter - C

### Character of Case

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT:

**Tinney**

stated that Mr. ~~Tammy~~ had had accused him of being

a Communist and had threatened to turn some letters [redacted] had written to

TINNEY over to the FBI. advised that he feels TINNEY is trying to intimidate

him because he is also stated that he has written a number of

letters to TINNEY and is opposed to him for political reasons. further

stated that he merely wanted to advise the FBI of his side of the story and

did not feel that it was right that TINNEY should threaten to send his letters

to the FBI stated he will be

**ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:**

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SIXTH REPORT  
Un-American Activities in California  
1951

There is transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau, as well as the Los Angeles and San Diego Divisions, a copy of the above-named publication recently furnished to this office. This is a Report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities of the 1951 Regular California Legislature, Sacramento, California, 1951.

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Enclosure

cc Los Angeles and San Diego, each with 1 enclosure

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## I Never Was a Communist, Tenney Says

State Sen. Tenney, candidate for Congress in the 22nd District, issued a statement last night saying he was not now and never had been a member of the Communist Party.

Tenney made the statement in response to a published statement that one of the candidates against him had wired the State Legislative Un-American Activities Committee to investigate Tenney's possible connection with the Communists. Tenney attributed the inquiry to a candidate "without a platform or a chance to be nominated." He said a former convict once signed a statement that Tenney was a Communist. Tenney served for years on the State Un-American Activities Committee.

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# TENNEY OK'S HATE-MONGER'S SUPPORT

BY JAMES BASSETT  
Mirror Political Editor

Rabble-Rouser Gerald L. K. Smith, America's Merchant of Menace, tooled his hate wagon onto California's byways today in an effort to influence 1952 voting.

Catching a free ride—with the declaration that "it's foolish to kick anyone in the pants who's helping you"—was Los Angeles State Sen. Jack B. Tenney, candidate for Congress.

Smith, pitchman for the notoriously anti-Semitic "Christian Nationalist Crusade," which claims 3,000,000 members, has

been peddling Tenney's privately printed pamphlet, "The Tenney Committee."

## Smith Praises Tenney

In his organization's handouts, Smith says:

"(Tenney) exposes the Jewish B'nai B'rith and its gestapo arm, the Anti-Defamation League."

This volume is, adds Smith, "the most sensational book to be written by a public official in recent years."

Tenney acknowledged Smith's huckstering efforts in his behalf. He said the former Huey Longer, Silver Shlrter and Coughlinite has been "buying wholesale quantities" which he retails for \$1 a copy.

Asked if he liked this kind of

support, Tenney replied, "It certainly wouldn't be intelligent to take a crack at somebody who's plugging your book."

## Won't Repudiate Smith

Tenney denied that Smith is making any direct contribution to his campaign in San Fernando Valley's new 22nd Congressional District. But he said Smith is "apparently backing me."

And, he added, he has no intention of repudiating such support—unlike Gov. Earl Warren, who angrily



TENNEY SMITH

brushed off Smith's "aid" in 1950.

Smith who spoke twice in Los Angeles last week, has been bombarding known Eisenhower backers with "literature" aimed at "exposing" Ike's allegedly sinister international ties.

## Blasts Ike's 'Ties'

Friends of the general made this material available to The Mirror, which doesn't happen to be on Smith's mailing list.

Along with the Eisenhower smears is the Tenney plugger, listing him as "this great patriot" who "exposes Jewish Gestapo organization."

Informed of this, Tenney explained that his book, a reply to a Cornell University-Rockefeller Foundation critique of his Un-American Activities Committee work in the late 1940s, deals in part with B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League. Certain "creatures of the league," con-

cluded Tenney, were "out to destroy my committee."

Besides stumping for Congress, Tenney is a key member of the so-called "uninstructed" GOP Presidential slate headed by Rep. Tom Werdel of Bakersfield.

Presumably the Smith broadsides, seeking to discredit Ike, were sent to Eisenhower backers in hopes they'd swing over to the Werdel group at the June 3 primary. Smith, as do the extreme right-wing "Partisan Republicans" which helped launch the Werdel movement, favors Gen. Douglas MacArthur for President.

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TO : SAC

FROM : ASAC J. C. ELLSWORTH

SUBJECT: JACK TENNEY [REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: June 3, 1952

On June 2, 1952 BRADFIELD of the "Herald-Express" telephoned that there is a statement out that JACK TENNEY claims to have filed a complaint with the U. S. Attorney against the JOE HOLT Committee.

The press has been unable to find such a complaint in the USA's office, and they wondered whether TENNEY might have filed a complaint with the FBI. I told him we had no information about any such complaint.

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*Nothing of this?*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: July 25, 1952

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: BOOKLET ENTITLED "THE TENNEY COMMITTEE"  
BY SENATOR JACK B. TENNEY  
SECURITY MATTER - C

You are requested to secure discreetly 10 copies of the above-captioned booklet. It is to be noted that the booklet, "The Tenney Committee," by Senator Jack B. Tenney, bears a copyright 1952 by Jack B. Tenney and H. A. Nickel and was published by the Standard Publications, Tujunga, California. On securing these copies, please forward them to the attention of the Central Research Desk.

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Director, FBI Att'n: Central Research Desk

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BOOKLET ENTITLED "THE TENNEY COMMITTEE"  
BY SENATOR JACK B. TENNEY  
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Rebulet July 25, 1952.

Complying with instructions in referenced letter, ten copies  
of this booklet were obtained from Standard Publications, Tujunga, Calif.,  
and are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: 8-20-52

FROM : *JEP* Director, FBI (100-15252)SUBJECT: UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
IN CALIFORNIA(1)  
Reurlet dated May 4, 1948.

You are requested to obtain and furnish to the Bureau three additional copies of the Fourth Report, Un-American Activities in California in 1948. These copies should be forwarded for the attention of the Filing Unit of the Records Section.

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Director, FBI Att'n: Filing Unit of Records  
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SAC, Los Angeles (62-2017)

September 3, 1952

UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
IN CALIFORNIA

Rebulet dated August 20, 1952.

As requested there are being sent under separate cover three copies of the "Fourth Report, Un-American Activities in California, 1948" for Bureau use.

This report was prepared by the Joint Fact Finding Committee of the California Legislature. It deals very extensively with Communist Front organizations.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: Feb. 14, 1953

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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b6SUBJECT: TENNEY COMMITTEE  
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During the investigation of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] This is a bulky exhibit and is  
a photographic copy of a list of names with some identifying data regard-  
ing the persons named. A memo in the file by SA [REDACTED] states in  
substance the attached list of CP suspects was compiled by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for Sen. JACK TENNEY, and that the principal source was  
testimony before a Los Angeles County Grand Jury in 1939 and 1940.

Writer requested SA [REDACTED] to attempt to identify original source of  
info re [REDACTED] On 2/10/53 [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] stated  
he knew of no Grand Jury proceedings in 1939 or 1940, however he had an  
index card bearing info identical to that appearing [REDACTED]  
said that about [REDACTED] years ago [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] a long list of names with info he had compiled through  
the years from newspaper articles and by writing police departments all  
over the country [REDACTED] gave this to General R. H. VAN DEMAN at  
San Francisco. [REDACTED] knows nothing concerning the authenticity of the  
info received from [REDACTED] nor does he now know where [REDACTED] is. VAN  
DEMAN is deceased.

Above should be borne in mind when reporting info [REDACTED]

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cc: [REDACTED]

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## Senate Report:

# Reds Plot To Control Schools

California has more known Communists than any other state except New York and most of them concentrate their activities in the Los Angeles area, the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee reported today.

"The menace is more critical today than ever before," said the Fact-Finding Committee's seventh biennial report which also warned:

"Aroused public opinion has forced the Communists underground, where they still plot to divide and undermine the United States."

It said that five Communists had infiltrated the 450-employee Los Angeles City Housing Authority "with considerable success" before they were cleaned out last fall, and reported discovery of a "master plan to infiltrate the entire Los Angeles City School system."

## Weed Out 100 Reds at Colleges

The committee said its co-operative plan with the state's major universities and colleges to weed out Communists had resulted in the "elimination of more than 100 individuals from various campuses."

In its 286-page report, the

Continued on Page 10, Col. 1-2.

A-10 Los Angeles Herald & Express Monday, June 8, 1953

# Call College Class 'Slimy'

## Bare Commie Infiltration of Student Papers, Activities

(Continued From Page 1)

committee, headed by Senator Hugh M. Burns, Democrat of Fresno, said, however:

"There is no heavy infiltration of Communist teachers in the schools and universities of this state, but... the infiltration attempt has succeeded only well."

It praised colleges and universities for co-operating in its new program to screen out subversives—the same institutions it severely criticized two years ago as lax toward Reds.

Chief Counsel Richard E.

Combs said:

"Public apathy toward the Communist problem as a whole has pretty well disappeared," but citizens still need more information about Red techniques.

"The Communist party is making ceaseless efforts to insinuate its members into the Los Angeles school system, Housing Authority and into other positions of enormous strategic importance," he added, and noted that "there still is considerable apathy in many of the universities."

1. Key Reds often come to California for conferences, then go to Mexico.

2. Subpoenaed committee witnesses who refuse to answer questions about possible Communist affiliation, on grounds of possible self-incrimination, invariably turn out to be persons "who have associated with known Communists and have generally aided and abetted the Communist party and the Communist cause."

**Peace Is Current Red Front Theme**

(Roberts was not available for comment.)

6. "Adequate legislation" is needed to fight Communism, but the committee made no specific proposals.

## Remaining Cal. Red Fronts Told

7. The committee said it intends to survey each University and college to determine the exact amount of infiltration.

The committee added that the Communist fronts remaining in California are:

Civil Rights Congress; International Workers' Order; Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy; California Legislative Conference; Arts, Sciences and Professions Council; National Lawyers' Guild; American Russian Institute, and the California Labor School.

As to the five Communists spotted among the 450 employees of the Los Angeles City Housing Authority, the committee said:

"This obviously is not a very heavy incidence of infiltration... but... one Communist in the proper place can cause as much damage as a thousand."

If further noted that housing authority, with students apt to be more discontented than average citizens, is a fertile ground for Reds.

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# Mess' of Red Propaganda

Communist and Communist-front affiliations."

Infiltration of Communists into the schools, the committee said, was aided and abetted by the Los Angeles Federation of Teachers, Local 430, and the United Public Workers, local 246, with which it is now affiliated.

Describing a turning point in public vigilance toward subversives, the committee named fewer names and organizations than in its six previous reports. It devoted more than 100 pages to the History of Communism, the Russian Revolution and divide-and-conquer techniques used.

## Call One Class A 'Slimy Mess'

"It said that a speech course at one unnamed college had been transformed by its professor from an exercise on the work of Robert Louis Stevenson to a forum where students "are slipped a slimy mess of propaganda."

Red efforts to influence

students, the report said, follow a calculated plan to "twist and re-orient basic subjects, put unsuspected Communists into influential posts and capture the student newspaper. In its 286-page report the

3. Only a handful "of active Communist fronts remain in business" in California because extensive publicity has driven the party almost entirely underground, where it carries out orders from above "with a military precision." **PEACE IS THE CURRENT THEME.**

4. The Communist party of India may be expected to try to raise money and recruit agents among California's population of 6000 persons from India and Pakistan.

5. The California Labor School of Los Angeles and San Francisco, and the American-Russian Institute, both directed by Dr. Holland Roberts of San Francisco and Palo Alto.

"Are engaged in secret conspiratorial activities as part of the Communist machine"

The committee called Roberts "one of the most highly placed, active, capable and devoted servants of the Communist cause in all northern California."

committee significantly devoted 63 pages to its probe of the City Housing Authority.

And, while the majority of the California Communists live in this area, their headquarters are in San Francisco.

The committee said that evidence shows that Frank Wilkinson, ousted public information director for the housing authority here "was head of the Communist unit in the authority but received his orders and party assignments from a superior in his party unit."

## Wilkinson, Wife, Others Are Named

It named Wilkinson and his wife, Jean, who was a Los Angeles school teacher; Frances Eisenberg, Sidney Green, Adina Williamson, Elizabeth Smith and Jack Nalditch as members of "the Communist party of Los Angeles and associated together for the purpose of maintaining and expanding Communist units in...the housing authority...and the Los Angeles city school system."

All but Mrs. Wilkinson were employed by the Authority. They were discharged for refusing to answer the Committee's questions.

The committee praised Housing Authority Director Howard Holtzendorf and his staff; State Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, the Los Angeles police and Mayor Fletcher Bowron for co-operating with its investigation.

It also thanked an Authority employe, H. L. Sunshine, 29, Laverne avenue, Long Beach, for testifying about how he ordered Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson from his home one night when it appeared they were "feeling him out" on his attitude toward Communism.

Sunshine testified that "Wilkinson later put in a lot of digs against me in the Authority."

As to the screening of Los Angeles city's more than 26,000 employes, the committee stated:

"An analysis...will immediately disclose the extent of infiltration among employes of the city schools by persons with documentable records of



DIRECTOR, FBI

July 22, 1953

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ELEVENTH REPORT, SENATE INVESTI-  
GATING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE,  
1953 REGULAR SESSION

Under separate cover, three copies of the above-  
entitled report are being sent to the Bureau for official use.

This report was prepared under the chairmanship of  
State Senator NELSON S. DILWORTH and contains a mass of in-  
formation dealing with the Communist situation in Southern  
California and Nationwide to some extent.

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UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN CALIFORNIA  
SEVENTH REPORT 1953

Under separate cover, there is being transmitted a package containing three copies of the above-mentioned report, for Bureau use.

This report was prepared by the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities.

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# Red Inquiry on Utilities Set for L.A.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11 (U.P.)—The State Senate Un-American Activities Committee today announced a full-scale public investigation of alleged Communist infiltration into "critical area" public utility operations, both here and in Los Angeles.

The announcement came at the end of a closed-door preliminary hearing by the committee under the chairmanship of Sen. Hugh Burns (D) Fresno.

Burns said his committee will investigate the alleged infiltration of Communists into water and power projects and transportation and communications operations.

## Infiltration Report

"We have evidence there has been an extensive infiltration of Communists into public utilities in critical areas of the State," Burns said at a press conference.

"There certainly is no place in public utilities of this State for Communists," he said.

He said the purpose of the public hearings will be to point out "the danger of hiring of employees in critical operations which could be sabotaged in time of war."

The public hearings here and in Los Angeles "probably" will be held in October following another closed-door preliminary session in Los Angeles, Burns

## Ouster of Five Asked

Burns also announced that the committee will recommend that five Pacific Gas & Electric Co. employees and one from the Coast Counties Co. be cited for contempt for refusing to testify before the committee during the two-day closed hearing.

"We also are recommending that the companies discharge the men," he said.

The five PG&E employees appeared before the committee yesterday. Donald Powers, 20, Walnut Creek, a head fitter for Coast Counties Co. and an official in the company's employee independent union, declined to testify during today's morning session.

## Utility Chief Here Pledges Co-operation

Informed of Sen. Burns' assertions in Northern California, Samuel B. Morris, general manager of the Department of Water and Power here, declared yesterday:

"To the best of our knowledge, there is no Communist activity in the Department of Water and Power. We will be glad to extend full co-operation to the legislative committee in its projected hearing in Southern California and to make available all information to help in its efforts."

Officials of the Southern California Edison Co. said simply that, inasmuch as they have not yet been approached by the committee, they had no statement or comment to make.

A spokesman for the Pacific Telephone Co. said:

"This is the first time this matter has come to our attention. We believe we have a loyal body of employees."

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CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
INFO CONCERNING. AUGUST TWELVE ISSUE OF LA TIMES CARRIES STORY  
DATELINED AT SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST ELEVEN QUOTING CAPTIONED  
COMMITTEE AS ANNOUNCING A QUOTE FULL-SCALE PUBLIC INVESTIGATION  
OF ALLEGED COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO CRITICAL AREA PUBLIC  
UTILITY OPERATIONS UNQUOTE BOTH IN SF AND AT LOS ANGELES.  
STATE SENATOR HUGH BURNS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, WAS QUOTED AS  
STATING HIS COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE COMINFIL INTO WATER AND  
POWER PROJECTS AND TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS.  
PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE INDICATED AS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER IN LA  
FOLLOWING A QUOTE CLOSED-DOOR PRELIMINARY SESSION. UNQUOTE.  
STORY INDICATED THAT SIMILAR CLOSED-DOOR HEARING HAD JUST BEEN  
CONCLUDED AT SAN FRANCISCO. INASMUCH AS NEITHER SENATOR BURNS  
NOR COMMITTEE COUNSEL RICHARD COMBS ARE AVAILABLE IN THIS  
DIVISION, SAN FRANCISCO IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THROUGH ITS

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SOURCES ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PLANS OF THIS COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO THE LOS ANGELES AREA. THIS MATTER WILL BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED AND THE BUREAU WILL BE FULLY ADVISED.

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AIR MAIL

CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING. RE LA AIR-TEL 8/12/53. FOR SOME TIME [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN ENDEAVORING TO DETERMINE THE  
IDENTITIES OF COMMUNISTS IN PG AND E CO. AND TO TAKE ACTION  
AGAINST THEM. SIMILARLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ELIMINATE COMMUNISTS  
[REDACTED] AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARINGS RECENTLY HELD  
IN SF, AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING CP MEMBERS REFUSED TO ANSWER  
QUESTIONS, [REDACTED] COMMENTED TO COLONEL HAROLD ISAACSON, G2,  
SIXTH ARMY, THAT PG AND E HAD RECEIVED "EXCELLENT CO-OPERATION  
FROM THE UNION" IN MAKING THE HEARINGS EFFECTIVE. IT WOULD APPEAR  
LIKELY THAT THE COMPANY AND THE UNION JOINED FORCES AND POOLED  
INFORMATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXPEL THE COMMUNISTS. IT IS POSSIBLE  
THAT THEY THEN ARRANGED FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES TO HOLD A HEARING IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM  
GOOD REASON TO DISMISS AND EXPEL THE COMMUNISTS. THE CP MEMBERS  
CALLED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE WERE [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED]

ALL SECURITY INDEX SUBJECTS IN [REDACTED] OFFICE. IT IS NOTED THAT

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THE ABOVE ARE THE MOST PROMINENT CP MEMBERS [REDACTED]  
IN THE SF AREA. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT LA CAN PROBABLY DETERMINE  
THE SUBJECTS LIKELY TO BE CALLED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FROM ITS  
KNOWLEDGE OF SECURITY INDEX SUBJECTS EMPLOYED IN THE KEY FACILITY.  
LA MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION THROUGH ITS ESTABLISHED  
CONTACTS IN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND LABOR UNIONS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SA [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/18/53

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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b6SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Press releases appearing in Los Angeles indicate that the captioned group plans to hold a series of hearings in Los Angeles inquiring into Communist infiltration into public utilities.

It is desired that you establish liaison with [REDACTED] in an effort to determine if possible the identities of the witnesses the Committee plans to subpoena.

Any information received should be furnished very promptly in order that appropriate action may be taken by this office.

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

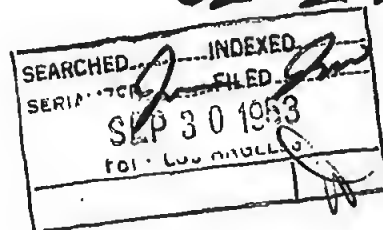
SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
INFO CONCERNING

Re memo of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/18/53 which reflects that the above-captioned Committee planned on holding a series of hearings in Los Angeles inquiring into Communist infiltration into public utilities. Previously the Committee had conducted hearings concerning Communist infiltration in the Los Angeles school system and at this time a liaison had been set up by the writer with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This liaison has been set up with [REDACTED] inasmuch as all information pertaining to subpoenaed witnesses [REDACTED] she is in a position to keep the Bureau cognizant of those persons to be subpoenaed.

[REDACTED] was contacted on [REDACTED] relative to the proposed hearings into Communist infiltration into public utility and at this time she advised that when such information reaches her she will immediately advise the writer.

[REDACTED] on 9/22/53 advised the writer [REDACTED] Committee contemplates holding a series of closed/Communist infiltration into public utilities but that at present he has no idea as to the date and place that these hearings will be conducted. He stated that to his knowledge they will not be held in the near future but that when they are held the Bureau will be so notified and the list of subpoenaed witnesses and information concerning them will be made available to the Bureau or photostated. [REDACTED] related that as soon as definite plans have been made concerning this hearing he will either notify the writer or have [REDACTED] do so.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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ACTIVITIES, IS - C. [REDACTED] ADVISED  
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STATE BUILDING IN LA FROM JAN. ONE THROUGH NINE, NINETEEN  
FIFTYFOUR. [REDACTED] ADVISED LAPD AND  
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FIFTY INDIVIDUALS, MOST OF WHOM ARE TEACHERS OR ARE EMPLOYED  
IN PUBLIC UTILITIES. LA OFFICE HAS BEEN FURNISHED A LIST  
OF PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES AND WILL ADVISE THE BUREAU  
CONCERNING THE INDIVIDUAL STATUS OF EACH.

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IS-C. [REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT THE CALIFORNIA  
SENATE FACTFINDING COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES WILL HOLD  
CLOSED HEARINGS AT THE STATE BUILDING IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,  
ON JANUARY FIVE NEXT. THE HEARINGS WILL CONCERN PRIMARILY  
THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD AND INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN PUBLIC  
EMPLOYMENT. [REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT  
THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES: [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] ALL OF ABOVE-LISTED INDIVIDUALS ARE  
CURRENTLY MAINTAINED ON SECURITY INDEX. INFORMATION CONCERNING  
THE COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES OF THE ABOVE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY  
DISSEMINATED UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FBI IN INTERNAL  
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BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED CONCERNING RESULTS OF HEARINGS.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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IS-C. REMYAIRTEL DECEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST CONCERNING CLOSED

HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN LOS ANGELES JANUARY FIVE NEXT BY THIS

GROUP. [REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT ADDITIONAL

INDIVIDUALS ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR AS PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES

CONTINGENT UPON THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF SUBPOENAS. THESE

INDIVIDUALS ARE HERewith SET FORTH, GROUPED ACCORDING TO THEIR

CASE STATUS IN THIS OFFICE. GROUP ONE. INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY

MAINTAINED ON THE SECURITY INDEX: [REDACTED]

GROUP TWO. INDIVIDUALS NOT MAINTAINED ON THE SECURITY INDEX

BUT ON WHOM A SECURITY MATTER-C INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CON-

DUCTED: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] GROUP THREE. INDIVIDUALS ON WHOM  
NO PRIOR INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY THIS OFFICE:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONCERNING  
THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN GROUPS ONE AND TWO ABOVE, THE BUREAU  
WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF THEIR  
TESTIMONY. CONCERNING THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN GROUP THREE,  
INVESTIGATION IS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED AND THE BUREAU  
WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED THE RESULTS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/6/54

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA SENATE FACTFINDING COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
AKA BURNS COMMITTEE, IS-C. DAYLET. REMYAIRTELS DECEMBER TWENTY-  
FOUR AND THIRTY LAST CONCERNING LOCAL HEARINGS OF ABOVE  
COMMITTEE. [REDACTED] HAS REPORTED CONCERNING  
FIRST HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD YESTERDAY. [REDACTED] WITNESSES  
WERE HEARD, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADMITTED/FORMER CP MEMBERSHIP. [REDACTED]

TESTIFIED FREELY REGARDING HIS FORMER ACTIVITIES IN THE  
COMMUNIST PARTY, STATING THAT HE HAD JOINED TO FIND OUT  
WHAT COMMUNISM WAS ABOUT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONCERNING WHOM  
BUREAU ADVISED IN REFTTEL, REFUSED TO ANSWER ON THE GROUND  
OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT. [REDACTED]

DENIED PAST COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP. THE OTHER WITNESSES  
OFFERED NOTHING OF IMPORT. SENATOR HUGH M. BURNS, CHAIRMAN  
OF THE COMMITTEE, IS QUOTED IN THE LA TIMES THIS DATE AS

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cc: 1 - 100-43372 (DAYLET)  
1 - San Francisco (REG.)

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STATING HIS COMMITTEE INTENDS TO PURSUE INVESTIGATION INTO  
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORTATION, AND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES. THE HEARINGS ARE TO CONTINUE THROUGH NEXT  
SATURDAY, WITH VARIOUS TEACHERS BEING CALLED TODAY AND OTHER  
EMPLOYEES OF THE LA BOARD OF EDUCATION TO FOLLOW.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 1/7/54

CALIFORNIA SENATE FACTFINDING COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,

AKA BURNS COMMITTEE, IS-C. DAYLET. ABOVE COMMITTEE CONDUCTED

LOCAL HEARINGS YESTERDAY. [REDACTED] ADVISES

[REDACTED] PUBLIC UTILITY EMPLOYEES WERE CALLED, [REDACTED] REFUSED

TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RE PAST COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS ON

CONSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS. THESE WITNESSES WERE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNDER PROTEST DENIED PAST PARTY MEMBERSHIP. THE

FOREGOING INDIVIDUALS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN CALLED TO THE

BUREAU'S ATTENTION IN [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] OF THE WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED DID NOT HAVE

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ANY PERTINENT KNOWLEDGE. THE REMAINING WITNESS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A SECURITY INDEX SUBJECT IN THIS OFFICE, DID GIVE  
TESTIMONY, WHICH THE COMMITTEE IS NOT MAKING PUBLIC AT THIS  
TIME. [REDACTED] ADDITIONAL WITNESSES CONNECTED WITH THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION TO BE CALLED TODAY. BUREAU WILL BE  
ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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SOURCE: [REDACTED]

# L.A. TEACHERS SILENT IN QUIZ ON RED LINKS

Four at State Inquiry Evade  
Question on Communism

Four Los Angeles city school teachers yesterday refused to tell the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities whether they are or have been Communists. They appeared at a closed hearing in the State Building.

The four, who invoked constitutional rights in appearances before Senator Hugh M. Burns and his group were:

Jack Chasson, 37, Narbonne High School instructor in American literature and remedial reading for nine years.

Serrill Gerber, 40, sixth grade teacher at Evergreen Avenue Elementary School and connected with Los Angeles schools for seven years.

## FIRST TO DUCK—

Mrs. Evelyn C. Howard, 54, Sutter Junior High School ninth grade teacher, and an instructor here for eight years.

Mrs. Lucille L. Gurev, 39, Los Angeles Board of Education employee for 14 years, currently a counsellor at Sutter Junior High School.

Chasson was first to duck the "864 question," appealing to Federal and State Constitutions and the California Code of Civil Procedure.

Through his attorney, William B. Esterman, Chasson disclosed that the State Board of Education had withheld renewal of his teaching credentials last November 30.

Esterman said the state board acted because Chasson refused to sign a loyalty oath "which was identical with the Levering Act" oath Chasson had previously signed.

## ON APPEAL—

Pressed for details, the attorney admitted that the rejected oath contained a specific reference to the Communist Party, while the Levering Act oath referred only to organizations proposing overthrow of the Government.

Gerber, 40, now appealing to the courts from his dismissal by the Los Angeles Board of Education for refusal to answer House Un-American Activities Committee questions last March, was the next witness.

Before entering the hearing chamber he said that "I'll offer some kind of an answer," but later disclosed that he had refused to reply to questions about connection with the Communist Party on the same grounds as Chasson.

He said committeemen asked whether he had been a member of the National Students' League while enrolled at Los Angeles Junior College in 1934, and that he had replied:

"Why do you want to know? Do you consider that a subversive organization?"

When committeemen said they do, he refused to answer the question, Gerber said.

Mrs. Howard disclosed that

she refused to answer the "864 question" on constitutional grounds as well as an inquiry whether she had ever contributed to the "Labor School."

Mrs. Howard said that she has been with the Los Angeles public schools for eight years, and "connected with education and character building since 1918."

She was also represented by Attorney Esterman.

The committee next called Mrs. Gurev, Board of Education employee for 14 years.

She made no statement, but her attorney, Dan Marshall, said that on his advice Mrs. Gurev invoked the Fifth Amendment in refusing to say whether she is or ever has been a member of the Communist Party.

Marshall said that Mrs. Gurev answered "no" to other questions whether she had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan or the German-American Bund.

John A. Campbell, substitute teacher in the Los Angeles schools, appeared without an attorney and revealed himself as a cooperative witness.

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He said he had answered an emphatic no to the question whether he is or has been a Communist, and, unlike most of the declining witnesses, said he thought that "it is perfectly proper and legal for the committee to investigate."

Mrs. Essie Brown, 37, appeared bewildered at her subpoena, saying her only connection with the city schools had been "a two-hour custodian job I had one time."

She said she was asked by the committee whether she is or ever has been a Communist Party member, and that "I told them, 'No sir!'"

Another witness denying any connection with Communism or the Communists was Miss Zelma Kingsbury, teacher for 20 years, now in charge of the fifth grade at Rowan avenue elementary school.

"The committeemen were very nice," Miss Kingsbury said. "They wanted to ask me about the history of the teachers' union movement."

Clifford H. Knowlton, retired instructor in driver education at Venice High School, also said

he was asked about the background of the teachers' union. Asked how he replied to the \$64 question, he replied:

"They didn't even ask me that."

A teacher in Los Angeles schools since 1924, Knowlton is now employed as an engineer at Lockheed Aircraft.

The day's final witness, Heber G. Harrison, 51, Los Angeles City College accounting instructor, now on sabbatical leave, was another not asked about Communism or Communist connections.

Committeemen confined themselves to questions about the origins and history of unionism among teachers here, Harrison said.

Counsel Richard Combs said later that the only purpose in calling Miss Kingsbury, Harrison and Knowlton was to give the committee the benefit of their knowledge and experience in the teachers' union movement.

Combs said that seven more teachers have been subpoenaed to appear at a continuation of the hearing, beginning at 10 a. m. today.

# Teachers 'Take Quiz' at Red Probe



**DUCKS QUESTION**—Along with 3 other teachers here yesterday, Serril Gerber (above) balked when asked: "Are you or have you ever been a Red?" —Los Angeles Examiner photo.



**REFUSALS AND SMILES**—Teachers Jack Chasson and Mrs. Evelyn Howard, shown together, took Constitutional refuge on the big Red query. —Los Angeles Examiner photo.



**MRS. LUCILLE CUREV**  
*She wouldn't answer.*  
—Los Angeles Examiner photo.



**AN EMPHATIC "NO"** came from John Campbell, substitute teacher, when queried Red.

# Crossfire Lashes at Balky Teachers

## Board, Upheld by Court, Fires 3; State Probers Add New Names

A State legislative committee, the Board of Education and the Superior Court joined forces yesterday in a three-way crossfire against Los Angeles schoolteachers suspected of left-wing leanings.

While the school board was formally dismissing three teachers who refused to tell whether they ever were Communists, the State Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities added three new names to its list of unfriendly witnesses.

Meanwhile, Superior Judge J. T. B. Warne of Sonora upheld the school board's right to fire Mrs. Frances R. Eisenberg for balking at loyalty questions back in 1952.

### Four Appear

In the State Building four teachers appeared before Sen. Hugh M. Burns and his committee and defied its queries about possible Communist Party affiliations.

Burns identified the four as Jack A. Chasson, Mrs. Evelyn C. Howard, Mrs. Lucille Gurev and Serrill L. Gerber.

The proceedings were new to all the witnesses except Gerber. He performed similarly before the House Un-American Activities Committee here last spring.

For this he and two other unfriendly witnesses — Abraham Minkus and Harry Shepro — were handed their walking papers yesterday by the Board of Education.



**FIRE** — Serrill L. Gerber was fired as teacher by the Board of Education at same time he was appearing before State Senate probe.  
Times photo

### Teacher Since 1922

The board approved the dismissal orders even as Gerber was taking the stand before the Burns committee.

Shepro, a teacher in the Los Angeles school system since 1922, was head of the social studies department at North Hollywood High School.

Minkus, former elementary teacher at the Riggin Avenue School, had previously been suspended for immoral and unprofessional conduct for his belligerent attitude toward the House committee last May.

Until yesterday afternoon, Gerber was teaching at the Evergreen Avenue Elementary School.

### No on Nazis

Although they refused answers to questions about membership in Red organizations, the teachers appearing before the Burns committee gave unequivocal "no" answers when asked if they had ever been Nazis or members of the Ku Klux Klan or German-American Bund.

Chasson, 37, of 2268 Holly Drive, was a teacher at Narbonne High School for more than nine years until last November, when the State Board of Education refused to renew his teaching credentials.

Mrs. Howard, 54, of 2470 Pitcher Road, is a ninth grade mathematics teacher at Sutter Junior High School. She said she has been with the city school system eight years and has engaged in educational and character-building work since 1918.

Mrs. Gurev, 39, of 1223 N Hayworth Ave., is a counselor at Sutter Junior High School. She said she has been teaching in



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the city school system 14 years. Chasson and Mrs. Howard were represented at the closed hearing by Atty. William B. Esterman and Mrs. Gurev was accompanied by Atty. Daniel G. Marshall. All three gave substantially the same prepared stock answer to questions about Communist affiliations.

In substance this answer was to the effect that they had signed the Levering oath denying membership in any subversive organizations (but not specifically the Communist Party) and had done nothing illegal.

#### Constitutional Refuge

But they would neither affirm nor deny present or past membership in the Communist Party, taking refuge in the Constitution on the ground that this was an inquiry into their political beliefs and affiliations.

However, Burns said, Chasson answered a flat "no" when asked if he had ever been a Nazi; Mrs. Howard did likewise when queried as to membership in the German-American Bund and Mrs. Gurev responded in the same manner in regard to the German-American Bund and the Ku Klux Klan.

Mrs. Howard issued a prepared statement in which she

declared she would assist the committee if it was inquiring into the inadequacy of the school system.

"But it is interested, instead," she said, "in intimidating teachers so that they will fear to do anything about those problems."

Mrs. Howard said the committee asked her if she had ever contributed to the Labor School. She said she asked if the committee had any evidence that she had done so. Assured that there was no such evidence, Mrs. Howard said she refused to answer.

#### Silent on Membership

She said she also refused to tell the committee whether she was a member of the Los Angeles Federation of Teachers.

Chasson also issued a prepared statement in which he impugned the motives of the committee and listed shortcomings of the school system.

"The Burns committee, with the Los Angeles Board of Education and the State Board of Education, are engaged in a conspiracy against the millions of children in our State," he said.

Chasson's teaching credentials were not renewed after he refused to sign a loyalty oath required for a time by the city Board of Education in addition to the Levering oath. The second oath subsequently was held illegal and he is awaiting an administrative hearing on his credentials Jan. 26.

#### Suits Authorized

In still another action yesterday, the School Board authorized the County Counsel's office to file Superior Court suits against two teachers who refused to answer at the board's own loyalty probe last month.

The two — David F. Arkin and Leon Goldin — were ousted by the board 10 days ago. Through their lawyer, Esterman, they demanded a court hearing.

The courts now must decide whether the board had the right to dismiss them, or whether they shall get their jobs back.

In the case of Mrs. Eisenberg yesterday and in the case of Mrs. Jean Benson, Wilkinson



**DISMISSED**—Teacher Harry Shepra also was fired for balking at Red quiz.

Times photo



**LOSES JOB** — Abraham Minkus loses teaching job for refusal to give answers.

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Previously, court rulings were in favor of the school board.

Testimony of other witnesses who appeared yesterday without attorneys was in marked contrast to that of the first four.

John A. Campbell, substitute teacher of 832 W. Adams Blvd., said he has never been a member of the Communist Party and has no sympathy for it. He said he believes that Communism is incompatible with teaching and he concurred that legitimate legislative committees have a perfect right to inquire into the matter.

Burns explained that Campbell was called before the committee because it was understood he had some information it wanted, but it turned out that he did not.

#### Housewife Subpoenaed

Mrs. Essie Brown, 37, housewife of 304 N. Mountain View Ave., was subpoenaed under the erroneous impression that she was still employed by the Board of Education, Burns said.

She explained that she worked for two hours one evening more than a year ago as a school custodian. She admitted that she had once subscribed to the People's World and had made a small financial contribution to the Civil Rights Congress when solicited at her home, but now wants no part of any of it.

Three witnesses, who testified at the afternoon session were called for the sole purpose of giving the committee information about Local 430 of the Los Angeles Federation of Teachers, whose charter was revoked in 1948 by the AFL, and its successor, Local 1021 of the American Federation of Teachers.

Miss Zelma Kingsbury, a veteran of more than 24 years with the Los Angeles school system and now a fifth grade teacher at Rowan Avenue School, testified that she spearheaded the conservative element which broke away from Local 430 and helped form the new union.

#### Teacher on Leave Testifies

Clifford H. Knowlton, a driver education teacher at Venice High School until his retirement last February, testified about his experiences as an officer of both unions.

Heber Harrison, Los Angeles City College accounting teacher now on sabbatical leave, who was a member of the board of directors of Local 430 in its early days, told the committee of the events leading up to the revocation of its charter.

Of the three, Miss Kingsbury was the only one asked if she had ever been a member of the Communist Party and she emphatically denied it.

Eight additional teachers are scheduled to testify before the committee today. The hearing is scheduled to end tomorrow.



**REFUSES** — Mrs. Lucille Grey denied being member of Ku Klux Klan, but refused to answer query on Communist Party.  
Times photo



**SILENT ON COMMUNISM** — Mrs. Evelyn G. Howard and Jack A. Chasson, schoolteachers, said no, when asked about membership in German groups, but refused to answer legislative inquiry about Communist Party.  
Times photo

# Educator Blasts Teacher Firings in Commie Probe

BY ANNE STERN, Mirror Staff Writer

Robert M. Hutchins, associate director of the Ford Foundation and former chancellor of the University of Chicago, blasted the Board of Education today for firing teachers who refuse to answer questions about their political beliefs.

It was Hutchins' second attack on the School Board within recent months. He previously charged Los Angeles is the only city in the United States where crackpots are allowed to run the school system.

Hutchins' condemnation of the board came as three more teachers who refused to tell whether they are or ever were Communists were discharged.

Two other teachers made themselves liable to similar disciplinary action yesterday when they refused to answer questions by the State Senate Fact-finding Committee on Un-American Activities, now conducting hearings here.

**No Answers**  
Those fired yesterday are: Serril L. Gerber, 40, of 2841 1/2 Avenal St., teacher at the Evergreen Avenue Elementary School since 1947; Abraham Markus, of 1848 Lakeshore Ave., suspended Riggan Avenue School teacher who has been in the system since 1937, and Mary Shepro, 2567 Promenade, Santa Monica, North Hollywood High School teacher, and in the L.A. system since 1922.  
They refused to answer questions asked them last March by a Congressional committee.  
The pair that laid themselves open to dismissal yesterday are Mrs. Lucille Gutz, 39, of 1223 N. Hayworth Ave., a counselor at Sutter Junior High School, and Mrs. Evelyn Howard, 54, of 2470 Pitcher Road, math teacher at the same school.

There were two other silent witnesses yesterday, but both ~~already~~ have lost their jobs. They were Gerber and Jack Chasson, 37, of 2238 Holly Drive, a remedial reading instructor at Narbonne High School until he was denied a renewal of his credential in November.

The investigative spotlight of the committee was focused on eight more teachers and school board employees today with dismissal facing any witness who took refuge in the 5th Amendment to the constitution.

Hutchins' blast at the School Board came in the foreword to a pamphlet prepared by the Citizens Committee to Preserve

American Freedoms, which will be distributed at a mass meeting Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, 360 S. Westlake Ave.

The prominent and outspoken educator declared the fired teachers "were not charged with anything and had no chance to confront their accusers."

## 'Un-American'

Hutchins termed the questioning of the teachers an "un-American invasion" of their rights as citizens.

Hutchins asserted that the Dilworth Act, under which the Senate is conducting its hearings, is "likely to be found unconstitutional."

He said the act adds "unnecessary and dangerous powers" to those which government agencies already possess, and declared there are adequate procedures to deal with teachers who violate their oaths.

Meanwhile, a new judicial ruling upholding the legal right of the board to fire teachers for refusing to testify before various committees was handed down yesterday by Superior Judge J. T. B. Warne.

Warne's opinion came in an appeal by Mrs. Frances Eisenberg, of 5114 1/2 Clinton St., a teacher who was previously fired for failing to answer questions asked her in 1952.

She was the fifth teacher to lose an appeal against School Board dismissal.

As a sidelight, the committee yesterday questioned three witnesses who were called to answer questions about activities of a teachers' union.

They were Zelma Kingsbury, 2533 Ocean View Blvd., Clifford Knowlton, 6329 Colgate Ave., and Herbert G. Harrison, 840 Tremaine Ave.

They were asked about former Local 430, American Federation of Teachers, expelled from the AFL in 1949 on grounds it was Communist-dominated.

Miss Kingsbury was characterized "spearhead" of the union's conservative element that brought about expulsion and formation of the new Local 1021.

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## *Electricity*



**DEFIANT**—One of the six witnesses who refused to tell the State investigation body whether or not they have been members of the Communist Party was Mrs. Eleanor Dodge (above). She is a stenographer with Southern California Edison Company.

—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

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**CLASH** between Attorney William Esterman and Sen. Earl Desmond occurred in corridor after yesterday's session. Esterman is shown with client, Mrs. Elna Vandergoot, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, who wouldn't answer "Red question" under oath. —Los Angeles Examiner photo.

## Gas



**QUOTES EINSTEIN** — Arthur Savage (above), Southern California Gas Company engineer, refused to answer probes on constitutional grounds. He cited Dr. A. Einstein's advice to refuse questions.

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## Electricity



**'CLEAN BILL'**—Cyril Gius (above), Southern California Edison Company agent, was another utility worker questioned by probers. Committee Chairman Burns said, "Mr. Gius answered all questions . . . we feel that he is entitled to a clean bill of health."  
—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

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**WOULDN'T SAY**—Floyd Rice (above), for 11 years, a splicer for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, balked at all queries on Red ties.  
—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

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**'VERY HELPFUL'** was Chairman Burns' description of Witness Albert S. Kanagy (above), transmission man with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph. Kanagy told committee that all members of his union were cleared by FBI under membership rule.  
—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

**NO ANSWER** was received from W. C. McDonald (above) when probers questioned him concerning Communism. The reluctant witness is repeaterman with Pacific T&T. Yesterday's session was held from morning until mid-afternoon in the State Building.  
—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

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# Six Utilities Workers Refuse to Talk in State Red Probe Here; Lawyer, Senator in Clash

(Photos on Page 3)

State Un-American Activities Committee members heard six of a procession of nine public utilities workers refuse to say whether they have been members of the Communist Party during a closed hearing yesterday.

Four men and two women invoked constitutional rights when asked the "§84 question" during the inquiry in the State Building.

The long session, continuing from morning until mid-afternoon, was enlivened by a corridor spat between Sen. Earl Desmond, Sacramento County Democrat, and Attorney William B. Esterman.

Desmond flatly contradicted the lawyer when Esterman announced outside the hearing chamber that:

"I challenged the committee to a TV debate on their right to subpoena witnesses like this."

"You did not," the Senator snapped. "You said you'd like to challenge the committee."

Before Esterman could reply, Desmond stalked back into the chamber and slammed the door.

The Esterman-Desmond exchange came as the attorney discussed committee testimony of his client, Elina Vandergoot, business office employee of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for 32 years.

"We engaged in the usual line of questioning," Esterbrook said. "Senator Desmond started it off by saying, 'Well, if people are not Communists, why don't they say so? I'm not, and I say so!'"

"My answer was, 'not on oath, you don't.'"

Apparently unknown to Esterman, the Senator was standing in the listening group. The attorney continued:

"We told the committee that Mrs. Vandergoot wasn't a Communist now and never had been one—after we went off oath."

Esterman then announced his challenge, drawing the Senator's angry retort.

## REFUSED—

Pressed as to whether Mrs. Vandergoot had answered the "Communist question" under oath, Esterbrook disclosed that she had refused, invoking the State and Federal Constitutions and the State Code of Civil Procedure.

Arthur Savage, engineer for the Southern California Gas Company, and Maynard Omerburg, his attorney, said Savage refused to answer questions on constitutional grounds and had cited Dr. Albert Einstein's recent advice to intellectuals to refuse such questions.

Cyril Glus, 34, right of way agent for the Southern California Edison Company, and his attorney, Leo Fenster, emerged tight-lipped and ruffled from a 75-minute session with the committee, but Senator Hugh M. Burns, chairman, later said:

"Mr. Glus answered all questions and invoked no constitutional rights. We feel that he is entitled to a clean bill of health."

## PROTEST—

Mrs. Evelyn Banke, 31, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph employee, also was represented as answering all questions, but under protest.

"I told the committee I resented their asking these questions," she said.

Burns revealed that she had been questioned about an advertisement concerning the International Workers' Order in the Communist newspaper, People's World, in which her name was used as a sponsor, and said Mrs. Banke replied that it had been used without her permission.

The chairman described Albert S. Kanagy, 47, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph transmission man for 24 years, as a friendly and "very helpful" witness.

Burns said that Kanagy, who is Southern Area representative of the Order of Repeaters and Toll Testboard Men, had been questioned in connection with the committee's desire to examine communications of union organization, particularly in long lines departments.

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## CLEARED—

He said Kanagy informed him that all members of his group were cleared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a prerequisite of membership.

Among those refusing to answer questions on constitutional grounds were Mrs. Eleanor Dodge, 24, Southern California Edison Company stenographer; W. C. McDonald,

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company repeaterman, and Clarence Simo, 27, Southern California Edison Company steam plant auxiliary operator. Floyd Rice, 40, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company cable splicer for 17 years, also appealed to the Constitution. Later yesterday President F. M. Banks of the Southern California Gas Company announced that two gas company employees who refused to answer committee questions on constitutional grounds "have been removed from work pending a study of their testimony." The men were not named. Banks said that the company has requested transcripts of the men's testimony from the committee. The hearings, to continue through Saturday, will resume at 10 a. m. today.

# Six Utility Aides Defy Red Inquiry

Two Others Deny  
Party Membership;  
Another Is Cleared

Six of nine public utility employees who appeared yesterday before the State Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities here refused to answer questions about Communist Party affiliation on constitutional grounds.

Of the remaining three two are known to have denied Communist Party membership and the third was given a "clean bill of health" after co-operating fully with the committee, although the nature of his testimony was not divulged.

## Infiltration Confirmed

Richard E. Combs, counsel for the committee, said the second day of testimony in the five-day hearing further corroborated the statement issued Tuesday by Committee Chairman Hugh M. Burns that Communists have infiltrated key California industries.

Today the committee, including Sens. Nathan Coombs and Earl Desmond in addition to Burns, is scheduled to hear 15 more witnesses, mostly employees of the Board of Education. Three additional public utility workers also are under subpoena.

First witness yesterday was Mrs. Effa Vandergoot, 52, of Culver City, who is employed in the business office of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. and has been with the company 32½ years. Combs said she refused to answer some questions.

## Committee Criticized

For the press, Mrs. Vandergoot had a long typewritten statement castigating the committee. Through her attorney, William B. Esterman, she explained that she had given a two-part answer to the "\$64 question" about Communist Party membership.

If the question implied that she had committed any crimes, the answer was no, she said. On the other hand if the committee was inquiring into her political affiliations and beliefs, she refused to answer them on constitutional grounds.

"I am not, now and never

have been a member of the Burns committee or any other organization which now or at any other time has planned the overthrow of our State and Federal governments," Mrs. Vandergoot said in her prepared statements.

## Denies Membership

Esterman said that in off-the-record conversation with the committee, Mrs. Vandergoot denied that she is or ever had been a Communist. The attorney also said he argued with the committee over its refusal to grant his request for a public hearing.

Arthur A. Savage, 36, of 5039 Fair Ave., North Hollywood, an engineer employed by the Southern California Gas Co., invoked his constitutional rights and read a statement declaring that he was following the advice given by Dr. Albert Einstein to another witness before "a similar inquisitorial committee."

## Gets Clean Bill

Savage was accompanied into the hearing room by Atty. Maynard Omerberg.

Cyril Gius, 34, of 2412 4th St., Santa Monica, a night-of-way agent for the Southern Cali-

fornia Edison Co., was before the committee for nearly an hour with his attorney, Leo Fenster, but neither would comment on his testimony.

Combs said Gius did not refuse to answer any pertinent questions and did not invoke his constitutional rights as to any question.

"We feel he is entitled to a clean bill of health but I would rather not commit the committee at this time to anything relating to questions about Communist Party membership," the committee counsel said.

## Three Refuse to Answer

Four of the witnesses were represented by Atty. John W. Porter and three of them refused to answer the \$64 question on constitutional grounds. The three are:

Mrs. Eleanor Dodge, 24, of 9606 Lorica St., Rosemead, a stenographer in the operating department of the Southern

California Edison Co.; Clarence Simo, 27, of 1070 Santa Cruz St., San Pedro, who works in the Long Beach steam plant of the Southern California Edison Co.; and W. C. McDonald, 41, of 4326 N Cogswell Road, El Monte, switchboard repairman for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. for 18 years.

The fourth, Mrs. Evelyn Banke, 31, of 1232 26th St., San Pedro, service representative in the PT&T Lomita office for 7½ years, said she resented the committee's questions but under protest denied that she had ever been a member of the Communist Party or had ever subscribed to the People's World.

Mrs. Banke said she invoked her constitutional rights only

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when asked if she had ever read the People's World, declaring she thought it was "none of their business."

Combs explained Mrs. Banke told the committee she had not authorized use of her name as a sponsor of the International

Workers Order in an advertisement which appeared in the People's World.

Simo, who said he is a member of the CIO Utility Workers Union, said he also refused to answer questions about membership in the Civil Rights Congress and American Youth for Democracy. He had a prepared statement denying that he had ever committed any crime and castigating the committee.

#### Never a Member

Outside the hearing room, McDonald said he had never been a member of the Communist Party and did not know why he had been subpoenaed. Mrs. Dodge declined to comment.

Floyd Rice, 40, of 11324 Duncan Ave., Lynwood, an employee of the PT&T splicing department for 17 years, appeared without an attorney but refused to answer some questions, including any about Communist Party membership, citing his constitutional rights.

Rice said he did not know why he had been called. He said he had not been a union member since 1946, when he belonged for six months to the independent United Brotherhood of Telephone Workers and served as president of Local 109.

#### Unionist Called

Called for the purpose of giving the committee information on the union setup in PT&T was Albert S. Kanagy, 47, of 209 1/2 S Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra. A transmission man who has been with PT&T 24 years, Kanagy is southern area representative of the independent Order of Repeatermen and Toll Testboardmen and has been active in union affairs for nearly 20 years.

Combs said Kanagy answered all questions willingly, denied Communist Party membership and gave the committee a detailed background on the development of the various unions in the telephone company.

"I don't know of any Communists in the telephone unions," Kanagy said outside the hearing room.

Late yesterday F. M. Banks, president of the Southern Cali-

fornia Gas Co., said two gas company employees who refused to affirm or deny Communist affiliations before the committee have been removed from work pending a study of their testimony.

Although Banks did not identify the employees he obviously referred to Savage and William G. Bankhead, water tender, of 1018 1/4 S Vancouver St., who also invoked constitutional grounds when he appeared before the committee Tuesday.



**BALKS**—Arthur Savage refused to testify before State Senators' Un-American Activities hearing. He quoted Albert Einstein.



**IN THE CLEAR**—Cyril Gius testified before State Senate group, was accorded "clean bill of health" by committee counsel.





**REFUSED TO ANSWER**—Mrs. Eleanor Dodge refused to answer question whether she held Communist Party membership in inquiry by State Senate committee. She is employee of Southern California Edison Co.



**LEADOFF**—Mrs. Elna Vondergoot, telephone company employee, was first witness before State Senate hearing on un-American activities yesterday. Committee counsel said she refused to answer some questions. With her, Atty. William Esterman.

*Times photo*



**AT HEARING**—Shown at State Senate Un-American Activities hearing are, from left, Evelyn Banke, summoned as a witness; Clarence Sima, a San Pedro utility employee, who refused to answer the key question, and Atty. John W. Porter.



# Teachers Tell About Reds In Union

Circulation of Communist literature at meetings of a Los Angeles teachers' union was told state senate probers today by teachers who revolted from the union because of "attacks on the Americanism program in the city schools."

Mrs. Vera Leshin of 4227 Cromwell avenue, a Spanish teacher at the Los Angeles High School, told the Senate Committee on Un-American Activities in its fifth day of hearings here that she became disgusted with Local 430 of the American Federation of Teachers and resigned.

The AFL later revoked the union's charter for suspected left-wing activities.

## LEFT-WING TACTICS

"I got fed up with the left-wing tactics because I felt it circulated literature detrimental to the union, to the schools, and to the students," Mrs. Leshin declared.

"The literature clearly indicated an effort of the Communists to infiltrate the union with propaganda in party line material."

"I recall there was literature about anti-discrimination and the housing bills. I felt such a practice tended to tear down institutions that should be perpetuated in the American way of life."

## DEFIES COMMITTEE

One woman teacher defied the committee at today's hearing and refused to state under oath whether she ever had been a Communist. She was Mrs. Charlotte Appel, 27, of 940 South Buena Vista street, an elementary school substitute teacher. Later she told reporters in the hall she had never been a Com-

munist but didn't approve of the committee's investigation methods.

One of the six witnesses (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1,2)

# Teachers Tell Revolt At Reds in Union

(Continued From Page 1)

called, Miss Priscilla Beattie, 421 Sequoia drive, Pasadena, a ceramics teacher at Franklin High School, said that she was a former member of the union under fire.

She did not elaborate.

Leaving the committee room, she declared:

"They asked me if I was a Communist, and I told them 'Never!'"

Others summoned were:

Betty Cohen (whose married name is now Dunn), 29, of 1801 Garfield place, former tabulating operator for the

Board of Education, erroneously called due to a similarity in names.

Miss Shirley Siegel, 27, of 201 Columbia place, Los Angeles, a senior at Los Angeles State College and an education major employed as a junior clerk there by the Board of Education. She provided the committee with details of campus meeting places.

All but Mrs. Appel, who appeared with an attorney, said they intended to be "friendly" witnesses before Senator Hugh Burns' committee.

Mrs. Appel said:

"I don't think I'll co-operate very much. I'll see what they ask me."

Mrs. Dunn, who was employed for only three months by the Board, said she had never even joined the union.

"I'm surprised to be here—I'm not a Communist and never want to be," Mrs. Dunn declared.

The hearing will continue tomorrow at the State building and possibly into next week, Chairman Burns said.

One of the six witnesses called was declared "a case of mistaken identity." He was Robert Corwin, 18, of 4825 Willard avenue, Rosemead, a freshman at the California Polytechnic school at San Luis Obispo.

## Three Defiant Teachers Fired

Four Los Angeles school teachers today faced new setbacks in their fight to keep their jobs after refusing to tell legislative investigators if they were Communists.

Formal discharge notices were given three teachers. They were Abraham Minkus, suspended Elgin Avenue School teacher; Harry Shepro, formerly of North Hollywood High School and recently in a statistical job at school headquarters; and Serrill Gerber, sixth grade teacher at Evergreen Elementary School.

Gerber, who only yesterday defied a state committee anew, and Shepro, were instructed not to report for work this morning. Minkus had been under suspension on an "immoral conduct" clause because of his behavior before a congressional committee.

All said they would appeal their discharges.

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**MRS. VERA LECHIN**

'I Didn't Like All  
that Leftwing Stuff'



**CHARLOTTE APPEL**

Substitute Teacher Defies  
Probers on THE Question



**PRISCILLA BEATTIE**

Tell of Red Literature at  
Teachers Union Meet



**SHIRLEY SIEGEL**

Friendly Witness; Supplies  
Committee with Records

# L.A. Man Tells Being Red

Probe

## Tells Failure As Commie

A telephone company employee of 32 years service today frankly and calmly admitted former membership in the Communist Party during which time he served as president of the Fifty-fourth Assembly District Democratic Club but he was forced to retire from all political activity because of ill health.

The telephone technician is Collis D. Spurlin, 53, of 4429 Corliss street. He was the first witness to appear before the committee at the State Building as it opened a five-day probe of Communist activity among Los Angeles school district employees and workers for public utilities in this area.

Spurlin's attitude, which was: "I have nothing to hide," was in direct contrast to another witness who awaited the call to testify with a subpoena in his hand.

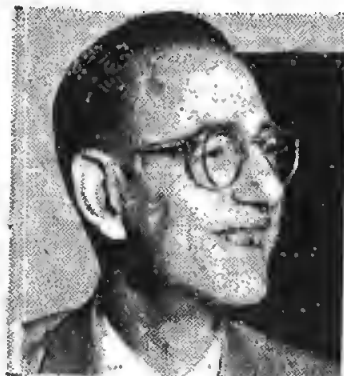
He was William G. Bankhead, 47, of 1018 1/2 South Vancouver avenue. He is an employee of the Southern California Gas Co. His job classification is water-tender.

Bankhead appeared with his attorney, Dan Marshall, and in

his pocket was a mimeographed statement in anticipation of the question Committee Chairman Senator Hugh M. Burns of



**THOMAS B. SCOTT**  
Case of Mistaken Identity  
Clears Him in Probe



**COLLIS D. SPURLIN**  
Admits He Was in Red  
Group, but 'I Retired'

Fresno said he would ask as a matter of policy of all of the 50 witnesses scheduled for appearance:

"Are you or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

The prepared answer was, "I decline to answer this question upon the grounds and for the reasons as follows:—"

Bankhead then listed as reasons:

An invasion of "my right to speak or to remain silent" under the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, an invasion of person and home guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment and because "it is an attempt to deprive me of employment, my liberty and property without due process of law."

Bankhead, as have many others at similar Red investigations in the past, said, "I now claim the privilege contained in the Fifth Amendment of the Bill of Rights which provides that you cannot compel me to be a witness against myself."

### CALLED BY MISTAKE

Thomas B. Scott, 44, of 3313 Bonnie drive, a telephone technician, was mistakenly called in because of a strange coincidence. The Committee was seeking a Thomas B. Scott who once lived in San Francisco and was born in Trinidad, British West Indies.

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**WILLIAM G. BANKHEAD**  
Declines to Answer in  
Communist Quiz

The Scott who appeared today was born in Trinidad, but he never lived in San Francisco and the committee was more than convinced that he was the wrong man. Committee Counsel Richard Combs said that a person believed to be the right Thomas B. Scott and living at a different address would be served immediately for an appearance.

Scott readily answered questions, denying vigorously that he had ever been a Communist or that he would ever want to be. While waiting for more than four hours to appear before the Committee Scott had told newsmen that this was a "complete surprise"—that he had never

known a Communist and wouldn't know one if he ever saw one. He said that once before a union official had asked him if he were "The Thomas B. Scott of San Francisco."

Spurlin told the committee behind locked doors, "I was a member of the Communist Party off and on for four or five years, the first time in 1938. The last time I dropped was in 1946."

The Communist group that he belonged to was a neighborhood organization in the Highland Park-Eagle Rock area. He said there were 10 to 20 persons in the group.

"When I quit in 1946 I wasn't mad at anybody—I just retired from political activity," Spurlin quietly told the committee under questioning of Committee Chief Counsel Richard E. Combs.

#### THOUGHT IT LEGAL

"I wasn't aware that it was illegal—I thought it was all open and above board.

"Back in 1938 if I remember

rightly we were trying to stop the shipping of war supplies to Japan and to Franco Spain. I was active in the union (telephone company) and was trying to strengthen it."

Spurlin said that he "made no secret that he was a Communist party member" but that because of the pressure of work imposed up him by the party and the Democratic Club his health wouldn't stand up and he resigned from both activities in 1946.

He told the committee that he had conducted a political action class, distributed literature and attempted to recruit others to Communism "but was unsuccessful" in the recruitment drive.

Two other witnesses called into the hearing room late today were Sam Phillips, a telephone company worker, and his wife, Eleanor, a first grade teacher at the Eighty-seventh Street Elementary School. They live at 2601 West Sixty-ninth street. They were accompanied

to the State Building by their attorney, Robert W. Kenny.

Phillips, a telephone installer who has been with the company 13 years, admitted on leaving the committee room that he had relied upon the Fifth Amendment—which provides that one cannot be compelled to be a witness against himself—when some questions were put to him. He insisted, however, that "I am and always have been a loyal American."

Mrs. Phillips said that she told the committee that she very definitely was not a member of the Communist Party, nor had she ever been. She also denied ever attending, to her knowledge, a Communist sponsored meeting or gathering. Her appearance before the committee was very brief, but her husband was recalled for additional questioning.

# Reds' Infiltration in Industry Cited

## Public Utility Employees Called in State Senate Probe

Investigations of the State Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities have proved that the Communist Party has been successful "to a degree" in infiltrating key California industries, State Sen. Hugh M. Burns, chairman of the committee, said yesterday.

Sen. Burns made his statement as the committee called witnesses employed by public utilities in this area at the opening session of a five-day inquiry in the California State Building. Two witnesses were heard yesterday morning, one of whom was co-operative and one of whom invoked the 5th Amendment, and four more testified in the afternoon.

### Infiltration Examined

"In the last year, we have devoted attention to infiltration in various sensitive positions in key industries of the State, especially industries charged with communication and transportation and public utilities," said Burns.

"It is the intent of the committee to pursue this line of investigation, as it is obvious that in the event of war members of subversive groups in such positions would have a large opportunity for sabotaging the industries of the State."

Additional witnesses employed by public utilities are to be summoned today. Tomorrow 15 persons, all teachers, are scheduled to be called. Subpoenas have been issued for 11 others, all employees of the Los Angeles City Board of Education, for Friday, Saturday the committee expects to hear nine employees of the Board of Education.

### Error Acknowledged

The committee acknowledged it had erred in subpoenaing one of the afternoon witnesses, Thomas Scott, 3313 Bonnie Hill Drive, an employee of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Scott, a toll transmission man and member of the Order of Repeaters and Toll Testboard Men, an independent union, pointed out there must be confusion. He said he does not belong to the Communist Party, never had belonged and, until yesterday at the hearing, never had met anyone who was a member of the party.

He quipped that he belongs to the Boy Scouts and during the war was a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Committee members said they are seeking another Thomas Scott who by a strange coincidence also was born in Trinidad but now lives in Los Angeles at 776 Padeon St.

### Telephoneman Heard

The only former Communist whom the Scott who was erroneously subpoenaed had met turned out to be Collis D. Spurlin, a telephone company switchman.

Spurlin disclosed in the witness waiting room that he had been a member of the party for

four or five years. He testified fully as to his former affiliation for about an hour and a half.

Spurlin said he joined the Communist Party voluntarily in about 1938, only to drop out, then to rejoin and, finally, to withdraw permanently in 1948.

"I thought it was legal and I was not aware that it would be embarrassing at a future date," he said.

### Wanted to Learn

His testimony, as reported by Chairman Sen. Burns, was that he joined out of a desire to acquire knowledge of the aims and objectives of the party—to find out what the Communists stood for. He took instruction in classes and at one time was a branch literature director and a delegate to the county committee. He never made any

cre of the fact that he joined the party, he said.

Spurlin said he tried to recruit members but was unsuccessful. He said he knows no one employed by the telephone company who is a Communist.

### Unpopular in Union

While waiting to appear Spurlin, speaking freely of his former affiliation, said Communists were supposed to take part in union activity and in politics and that he interested himself in the affairs of his union, the Communication Workers of America, CIO. He said he tried to strengthen the union and to fight special privileges in the union, as a result of which activities he was "not too popular with the union."

Spurlin lives at 4429 Corliss St.

William G. Bankhead, a water tender of the Southern California Gas Co., who gave his address at 1018 1/2 S Vancouver St., refused to answer committee questions as to whether he was or had been a Communist Party member, claiming the constitutional privilege against self-incrimination. He is a member of the Utility Workers Union, Local 132, CIO, and was said to be a former treasurer of the local. He has been employed by the gas company 17 years.

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#### Represented by Counsel

Bankhead was represented by Atty. Daniel G. Marshall, who distributed a statement stating Bankhead's grounds for refusing to answer questions. He attacked the committee as sitting without legal authority and said that as a union member since 1936 he always had felt that committees of the nature of the Senate body "have had an antilabor character." He described the hearing as an "inquisition."

The witnesses at the afternoon session, in addition to Scott, were Sam Philips, an installer of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., and his wife Eleanor, a teacher in the 87th Street School, who live at 2061 W 69th St., and Atty. George E. Bodle.

Both the Philipses said they are not now members of the Communist Party and Mrs.

Philips said she had never been a member or attended any Communist meetings. Philips testified he was a subscriber to the People's World. The two were represented by Atty. Robert W. Kenny.

#### Doesn't Recall Applying

Atty. Bodle, according to Chairman Burns, testified that he did not believe he had ever been a member of the Communist Party. Asked if he had signed an application for membership, contributed to the party, etc., he said, the chairman reported, that if he had he did not recall it. He said he had been an officer of the American Veterans Committee and had belonged to the National Lawyers Guild. The committee was interested in whether or not he had been employed by the Los Angeles Board of Education and it was brought out that he was employed by the board about 1947.

The board asked him the chairman said, whether or not he had attended any Communist meetings. He was quoted as replying that he may have attended a meeting once but that he thought it was an open meeting, addressed by someone of national prominence.

#### Attorney's Statement

Following the hearing, Atty. Bodle issued this statement:

"I was called before the Senate Committee on Un-American Activities today and questioned about my 15 years as an attorney for labor unions. I answered every question put to me, including a question of whether or not I had ever been a Communist. I told the committee that although some people might think that a union lawyer was a Communist, I had not been one, and in this connection I offered to answer any questions about my activities which the committee might want to put to me.

"I make this statement now because I have been informed that after I left the hearing room, the chairman of the committee characterized my testimony as being 'evasive.' The best answer to this is for the public to read my testimony. In fairness to me, the chairman of the committee should make it public."

Mrs. Gatha Lee Burnstein, 843 Bay St., Santa Monica, was excused on account of illness after the committee had been informed that she is a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Sen. Burns sat with Sens. Nathan Coombs, Napa, and Earl Desmond, Sacramento. The committee counsel, Richard E. Coombs, conducted the questioning of the witnesses.



**TESTIFIES** — Collis D. Spurlin was friendly witness before State Senate Un-American Activities hearing yesterday.

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**REFUSES** — William G. Bankhead, gas company employee, refused to answer State Senate Un-American Activities group.

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**DENY RED TIES**—Sam Phillips, telephone employee, and wife Eleanor, today denied present Communist affiliations. Mrs. Phillips said she was never in the party.

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**INQUIRY BEGUN**—State Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities opened five-day session here. From left, Richard E. Coombs, counsel; Sen.

Nathan Coombs, Sen. Hugh M. Burn, chairman; H. Singeltary, foreground, the reporter, and Sen. Ed Desmond. Scene is State Office Building.



# PHONE WORKER ADMITS BEING RED MEMBER

Tells Probers He Resigned  
Party; One Witness Balks

Years of card-carrying Communist Party membership was admitted by a veteran telephone company employee yesterday as the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities opened a week-long series of hearings in Los Angeles.

Chairman Hugh M. Burns of Fresno said the closed sessions in the State Building were aimed at exposing potential saboteurs in industry and Reds in education.

## RESIGNED—

Collis D. Spurlin, 53, of 4429 Corliss street, a member of the Congress of Industrial Organizations Communications Workers of America, freely admitted he was a Communist from 1933 until he quit the party in 1946.

During that period he was a member of an "open group" of 10 to 20 persons in the Highland Park-Eagle Rock area, and also served as air raid warden and "block leader" during World War II.

Spurlin said he also was president of the 54th Assembly District Democratic Party Club at the same time, and resigned both from it and the Communist Party because of ill health.

"I wasn't mad at anybody," he said. "I retired from political activity because of my health."

Spurlin, insisting he always believed the Communist Party was "just a regular political organization" and "doesn't know now" that it is anything else, admitted he was a delegate to the Communist Party's county committee.

While Senator Burns described Spurlin as "cooperative," he termed a second witness, William G. Bankhead, 47, of 1018 1/2 South Vancouver street, as "uncooperative."

## WRITTEN TEXT—

Bankhead, a water tender for the Southern California Gas Company and member of the CIO Utility Workers Union, Local 132, arrived armed with a written text of his reasons for refusal to answer committee questions as to whether he is or ever was a Communist.

They cited the First, Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth amendments to the Constitution.

Bankhead and his attorney, Daniel G. Marshall, were before the committee only 15 minutes.

Thomas B. Scott, 44-year-old

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company employee subpoenaed to the hearing, insisted "they must have mixed up my name with some other Scott. This is a complete surprise to me."

In a 10-minute session, the committee admitted its error—that it was looking for another Thomas B. Scott—and extended its formal apologies to the telephone worker, who lives at 3313 Bonnie Hill drive.

Asked if he would answer

whether he is or was a Communist, Scott snapped:

"I've never been a member of the Communist Party! I've never known a Communist."

## FIRST SIGHT—

Then, looking directly at Spurlin, he added:

"This is the first time in my life I've ever seen one."

"The only organizations I've belonged to are the Boy Scouts and the Civil Air Patrol, during the war."

Scott, who disclosed the rare coincidence that both he and the other man of the same name were born in Trinidad, British West Indies, was happy with the outcome, declaring:

"I told them I wasn't mad. I was glad to go on record under oath that I am not and never have been a Communist."

He was followed before the committee by two witnesses represented by Attorney Robert W. Kenny.

They were Sam Philips, telephone installer, 13 years with PT&T and a member of the CWA-CIO, and his wife, Eleanor, a city school teacher for six years who now has the first grade class at the 87th street school.

Philips, of 2061 West 69th street, emerged from the hearing room after 15 minutes to announce:

"I invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer some questions."

His wife spent 10 minutes in the fourth floor hearing room, then said:

"I denied being a member of the Communist, now or ever. I denied ever attending any Communist meetings. They excused me."

## CAN'T RECALL—

After that, Philips conferred briefly with Kenny, then returned to the hearing room without immediate explanation.

Leaving the hearing room the second time, Philips declined further comment but Kenny said he had "testified he is not a member of the Communist Party."

Asked if Philips also had sworn he was not previously a Communist, Kenny made no comment.

Atty. G. E. Bodle, also under subpoena, was the last witness of the opening day's sessions.

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and Senator Burns said of his testimony:

"His answers were evasive on every counter."

Burns said Bodle testified to membership in the American Veterans Committee and the Lawyers Guild, but when asked if he was or had been a Communist, assertedly replied:

"Not that I can remember."

"... I don't believe I've ever been a member."

Asked if he had attended any Communist meetings, Burns said Bodle testified:

"I might have attended a meeting with a Communist present, but I can't remember."

#### STATEMENT MADE—

Subsequently, Attorney Bodle last night issued the following statement regarding Burns' version of his testimony:

"I was called before the Senate Committee on Un-American Activities today and questioned about my 15 years as an attorney for labor unions."

"I answered every question put to me, including a question of whether or not I had ever been a Communist. I told the committee that, although some people might think that a union lawyer was a Communist, I had not been one, and in this connection I offered to answer any questions about my activities which the committee might want to put to me."

"I make this statement now because I have been informed that after I left the hearing room, the chairman of the committee characterized my testimony as being 'evasive.' The best answer to this is for the public to read my testimony. In fairness to me, the chairman of the committee should make it public."

Senator Burns said in more

witnesses, all public utilities employees, will be called today; Thursday's 15 witnesses all will be employees of the Los Angeles City Board of Education, mostly teachers, and 11 witnesses Friday and nine Saturday also will be Board of Education employees.

Explaining the current hearings, he said:

"The infiltration of members into sensitive spots in the fields of education, communications, transportation and public utilities long has been a major aim of the Communist Party."

"Our investigation has borne out the fact that they have been successful to a degree in both Northern California and in this area."

"It is the intent of this committee to pursue this line of investigation. It is ob-

vious that in the event of war, members of subversive groups in such positions would have large opportunities for sabotaging industry in this state."



**COLLIS SPURLIN**

*He freely admits.*

—Los Angeles Examiner photo.



**MRS. ELEANOR PHILIPS**

*She denied.*

—Los Angeles Examiner photo.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 1/8/54

CALIFORNIA SENATE FACTFINDING COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
AKA BURNS COMMITTEE, IS-C. DAYLET. LOCAL HEARINGS OF ABOVE  
COMMITTEE CONTINUED YESTERDAY DURING WHICH [REDACTED] TEACHERS  
REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RE PAST COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS.  
THEY WERE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONCERNING WHOM BUREAU ADVISED

IN MY AIRTELS OF DECEMBER TWENTY-FOUR AND THIRTY LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISES THAT, ALTHOUGH THESE  
INDIVIDUALS REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP  
IN COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS, THEY NEVERTHELESS ANSWERED QUOTE  
NO UNQUOTE TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP IN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS  
AS THE KU KLUX KLAN AND GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND. OTHER WITNESSES  
CALLED YESTERDAY WERE COOPERATIVE BUT HAD NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISES THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALONG WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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cc: 1 - 100-43372 (DAYLET)  
1 - 100-45315 (COMINFIL EDUCATION)  
1 - San Francisco (REG.)

VIA RADIO

MSG. NR. 29 CR. 225

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OPERATOR: [REDACTED]

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YESTERDAY BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA QUOTE  
DILWORTH ACT UNQUOTE FOR FAILURE TO RESPOND TO SIMILAR QUESTIONS  
PUT THEM BY THE HCUA IN LA LAST SPRING. THE LA TIMES THIS DATE  
REFLECTS THAT THE LA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT UPHELD THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION IN DISMISSING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO LIKEWISE REFUSED TO ANSWER SUCH QUESTIONS  
BEFORE A DULY CONSTITUTED LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS DISMISSED FOR QUOTE  
UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT UNQUOTE AND THE JUDGE HELD THAT

[REDACTED] HAD THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO ANSWER BUT THAT THE  
SCHOOL BOARD ALSO HAD THE RIGHT TO DISMISS [REDACTED] FOR SO REFUSING.

IN ADDITION, THE LA BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS AUTHORIZED SUIT  
AGAINST [REDACTED] OTHER TEACHERS, [REDACTED]

WHO WERE SUSPENDED BY THE BOARD ON [REDACTED] FOR  
REFUSING TO ANSWER SIMILAR QUESTIONS AT HEARINGS HELD BY THE  
BOARD ITSELF [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISES

THAT OTHER TEACHERS FIRED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION THIS PAST  
WEEK WERE [REDACTED]

CONCERNING WHOM BUREAU PREVIOUSLY ADVISED. IN ADDITION, THE  
BOARD HAS SUSPENDED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR REFUSING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS  
BEFORE THE BOARD UNDER THE DILWORTH ACT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS OF OPINION LATTER [REDACTED] WILL ALSO BE DISCHARGED  
PENDING POSSIBLE SUPERIOR COURT ACTION. [REDACTED] ADDITIONAL



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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CALIFORNIA SENATE FACTFINDING COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN  
ACTIVITIES, AKA BURNS COMMITTEE, IS-C. DAYLET. THE BURNS  
COMMITTEE CONCLUDED LOCAL HEARINGS ON JANUARY EIGHT LAST  
AFTER HEARING ADDITIONAL WITNESSES, MANY OF WHOM WERE TEACHERS  
OR BOARD OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEES. THE ONLY WITNESS WITH ANY  
SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION PROVED TO BE [REDACTED]

ADVISES

TEACHER, TESTIFIED HE WAS A

MEMBER OF THE YCL FROM [REDACTED]

AND BRIEFLY THEREAFTER A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST

PARTY. [REDACTED] WAS COOPERATIVE AND CONFESSED COMPLETE

DISAFFECTION FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY. AS BUREAU PREVIOUSLY  
ADVISED, NO REQUEST WAS MADE TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] IN VIEW OF  
HIS POSITION AND THE IMPENDING HEARING [REDACTED]

AS BUREAU ADVISED, THESE HAVE BEEN

CLOSED HEARINGS; HOWEVER, A TRANSCRIPT OF THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS  
IS BEING SECURED.

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62-2017 1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - San Francisco (REG.)

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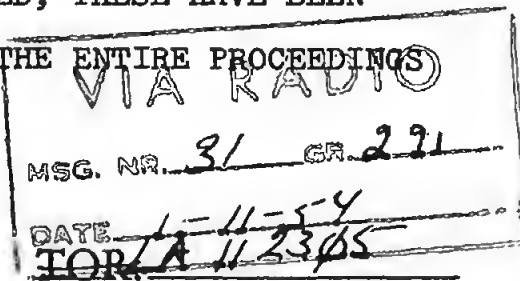
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DIRECTOR, FBI

January 25, 1954

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CALIFORNIA SENATE FACT-FINDING  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Re my airtel December 30 last setting out list of potential  
witnesses expected to be subpoenaed before captioned Committee.

Information since received from [redacted] reveals that the  
[redacted] who was among those so listed is not identical with [redacted]  
[redacted]

Informant advises confidentially that the [redacted] referred  
to is [redacted] residing at [redacted]  
that the Committee was confused in its information concerning him; and that  
as a matter of fact, this individual was not called and will not be called  
in the future.

Reg.  
Air Mail  
HHW/sjm  
cc - 100-22825

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (62-2017)

DATE: February 4, 1954

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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b7DSUBJECT: CALIFORNIA SENATE INVESTIGATING  
COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
(BURNS COMMITTEE)

On [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the writer that by letter dated January 13, 1954, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had requested that the Burns Committee conduct an investigation of the Los Angeles County Medical Association of such a nature as that which had previously been conducted concerning the employees of the Los Angeles County Board of Education.

[REDACTED] stated that at present the Burns Committee is giving serious thought of conducting such an investigation due to the important roll that doctors would play in the event of a civil disaster and that he felt sure that open hearings concerning subjects known to his committee would be conducted in Los Angeles during April, 1954. [REDACTED] advised the writer that as on previous occasions, he would maintain contact with this office relative to persons who would be subpoenaed before his committee.

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[redacted] are talking to the Department of Justice and the FBI.

[redacted]

Senator JACK TENNEY as Secretary for the California Senate Un-American Activities Committee. JACK TENNEY owed his senatorial position to [redacted] the notorious [redacted] who has subsequently been convicted of [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] was getting [redacted] per week from the TENNEY Committee. [redacted]

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: May 12, 1954

FROM : *JSA*  
*ef* SAC, BALTIMORE (100-00)SUBJECT: REPORTS OF THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE  
COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES

The Baltimore Office has in its library reports for only 1948 and 1949 of the California Legislative Committee on Unamerican Activities. These reports have had constant use and are in a very deteriorated condition. It would be helpful if your office could obtain and forward to us copies of the reports for the years 1943, 45, 47, 48, 49, 51, 53, it being assumed that these are the only reports which have been prepared. In the event there are additional reports which have been prepared and would be helpful to us for reference and report writing purposes, kindly submit them too.

If these reports are prepared in Sacramento please forward our request to the San Francisco Office.

JFF:afw  
REGISTERED MAIL

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TEACHERS SCHEDULED TO BE CALLED BY BURNS COMMITTEE TODAY.

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SOURCE:

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REPORTS OF THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Reurlet 5/12/54 captioned as above.

We are submitting to you under separate cover, two copies each of the above reports for the years 1945, 1948, 1951, 1953, Index for reports of 1943, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1951, and one copy of the 1949 report.

It was not possible to obtain any copies for the years 1943 or 1947. A copy of your communication is being enclosed to the San Francisco Office in the event they may have available copies of the 1943 and 1947 issues.

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cc: Package

San Francisco (Enc. 1)(Reg.)

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## CANTOR TO UNDERWRITE REFUTATIONS OF TENNEY'S ANTI-SEMITIC BROADCASTS

Eddie Cantor yesterday said he will underwrite the cost of broadcasts by Democratic State Senatorial candidate Richard Richards to answer Sen. Jack Tenney's anti-Semitic diatribes.

Cantor will foot the bill so that every time Tenney gives such a broadcast, Richards will immediately follow him on the air with a reply. Tenney's talk earlier this week on KABC, in which he lashed at minority groups aroused much indignation, but stations are bound by FCC rules to sell time to candidates for public office and are powerless to censor their speeches and statements.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/25/54

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-2017)

SUBJECT: (CALIFORNIA) SENATE FACT-FINDING  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES;  
aka California Legislative Committee on  
Un-American Activities, Burns Committee;  
formerly known as Tenney Committee

The following information has been received confidentially from [redacted] who has been a confidential informant of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, formerly known as the Tenney Committee and now under the chairmanship of State Senator HUGH M. BURNS.

Although it has not been released publicly as yet, above Committee is preparing to hold open hearings at Los Angeles in the near future, probably before August 1, 1954. The hearings will be directed generally toward developing information to show the extent of Communist front activity in this area and how the various Communist dominated or influenced organizations cooperate among themselves and in many cases have interlocking executive boards or directors.

Among the groups concerning whose activities and functions the Committee hopes to introduce testimony are the following:

WOMEN FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION  
NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN  
HOLLYWOOD ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS COUNCIL  
(Southern California Chapter, National Council of ASP)  
COMMITTEE FOR MEDICAL FREEDOM  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PEACE CRUSADE  
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, Los Angeles.

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[redacted] with respect to the Hollywood ASP Council. [redacted]

[redacted] advises that the Committee will concentrate on the so-called Medical Division of the Hollywood ASP organization; that the Committee has received written request from the head of the California Medical Association to delve into the extent of Communist influence in the medical profession and particularly the members of the Medical Association who are active in the ASP organization. According to [redacted] the Committee regards ASP as a key organization in its hearings.

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cc- [redacted] 66-2723 [redacted] 100-43513 (WFLA) 100-18355 (ASP)  
100-23717 (CRC) 100-34005 (SCPC) 100-33973 (1st Unitarian Church)

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[redacted] advises confidentially that by having the Medical Association formally request that this phase be part of the Committee's hearings, the Committee itself will avoid being charged with attacking the medical profession as was the case in the HCUA Hearings at Los Angeles late in 1952.

[redacted] advises that [redacted] former member of the CP's [redacted] may agree to be a witness at the forthcoming BURNS Committee hearings. The Committee hopes also to get [redacted] to be a witness, but indications are that he will refuse to do so. [redacted]

From the information obtained [redacted] it would appear that the BURNS Committee does not have any witnesses who are currently members of the CP. However, it's line of questioning will develop from confidential sources, who have covered meetings of the various front groups above listed, the identities of the principal figures in those organizations. Thereafter, the testimony of former Communists such as [redacted] would be used to identify those individuals as having been active Communists.

[redacted] advises that [redacted] for the Committee, will come to Los Angeles in the next few weeks to start laying the ground work for the hearings.

[redacted]

This matter will be followed and the Bureau kept cognizant of pertinent developments.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (62-2017)

DATE: June 30, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: (CALIFORNIA) SENATE FACT-FINDING  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Reurlet June 25, 1954.

In connection with the hearings to be held by captioned committee you should follow previous Bureau instructions relating to hearings of congressional committees concerning subversive activities. Any necessary action should be taken by you to bring up to date the files in your office of persons concerned in the hearings to be held.

You should be alert to the possibility that any of your present security informants or investigations might be jeopardized during the above hearings and if there is an indication that this might happen you should advise the Bureau promptly.

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TO : SAC

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DATE: JULY 16, 1954

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BURNS COMMITTEE HEARINGS

On instant date, [REDACTED] advised the writer that voluntary hearings would be held [REDACTED] on 7/26&27/54 at Room 115 State Building, Los Angeles California. [REDACTED] advised that the persons who would appear have asked for this hearing inasmuch as their names have previously appeared in the committees reports and that these persons want to clarify their status. The following persons have advised that they will appear and should any other individuals indicate that they will appear [REDACTED] will notify the Fresno RA. [REDACTED]

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that all persons who have volunteered to appear are members of

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FBI, LOS ANGELES

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4:30 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-15252)

(CALIFORNIA) SENATE FACT-FINDING ACTIVITIES, IS - C. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT VOLUNTARY

HEARINGS WILL BE HELD BY THE COMMITTEE ON 7/26,27/54 AT THE  
STATE BUILDING, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. THE PERSONS WHO WILL APPEAR  
HAVE ASKED FOR THE HEARINGS INASMUCH AS THEIR NAMES HAVE PREVIOUSLY  
APPEARED IN THE COMMITTEE'S REPORTS AND THAT THESE PERSONS WANT TO  
CLARIFY SOME PARTICULAR REMARK CONCERNING THEIR NAMES APPEARING  
IN THESE REPORTS OR TO CLARIFY THEIR STATUS. THE FOLLOWING  
PERSONS HAVE ADVISED THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY WILL APPEAR:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IS ON THE SECURITY INDEX, [REDACTED] AND A

SUMMARY REPORT WAS SUBMITTED 7/13/54. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND THE BUREAU HAS BEEN  
FURNISHED ALL PERTINENT INFO REGARDING [REDACTED] IN LETTER DATED 8/29/51.

[REDACTED] AND THE

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cc: [REDACTED]

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BUREAU HAS BEEN ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING  
HIM AS SET OUT IN [REDACTED] A REPORT ON [REDACTED]  
WILL BE SUBMITTED. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED CONCERNING RESULTS  
OF HEARINGS.

MALONE

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(CALIFORNIA) SENATE FACTFINDING COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES.

RENYAIRTEL 7/22/54. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED REFLECTING THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ~~XX~~ WILL VOLUNTARILY APPEAR BEFORE HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE ABOVE COMMITTEE ON 7/26-27/54 AT THE STATE BLDG., LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

CONCERNING

FILES FAIL TO

REFLECT ANY PAST OF MEMBERSHIP ON PART OF THIS INDIVIDUAL. THE FILES DO

REFLECT  WAS AFFILIATED DURING

CONCERNING

HAS NEVER BEEN THE SUBJECT

OF A SECURITY INVESTIGATION IN  OFFICE. CONCERNING

FILES REFLECT A COPY OF A LETTER SUBMITTED TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED COMMITTEE

BY

CONCERNING

FILES REFLECT SUBJECT

END:MMW  
Registered  
cc:

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IN THE PAST AFFILIATED WITH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONCERNING [REDACTED] THE BUREAU IS IN

POSSESSION OF ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM. REFERENCE IS MADE

TO HIM IN [REDACTED] REGARDING [REDACTED] THE BUREAU IS IN

POSSESSION OF ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM AND REFERENCE IS

MADE TO [REDACTED] CONCERNING [REDACTED] IT IS TO BE NOTED

THAT ALL OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED IN VARIOUS

REPORTS OF THE SO-CALLED TENNEY COMMITTEE, THE PREDECESSOR OF THE CURRENT

BURNS COMMITTEE. [REDACTED] MENTIONED IN THESE TENNEY REPORTS IS THE

[REDACTED] CURRENTLY MAINTAINED IN THE SECURITY INDEX OF [REDACTED] OFFICE AND WHO

IS PRESENTLY RESIDING IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT A PUBLIC NOTICE WAS ISSUED REQUESTING

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO DESIRED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BURNS COMMITTEE ON A

VOLUNTARY BASIS IN ORDER TO CLARIFY SOME PARTICULAR ISSUE OR SOME PARTICULAR

ANY  
ITEM MENTIONED. IN PAST TENNEY REPORTS WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THIS COMMITTEE.

HE STATED THAT WHILE HE IS NOT POSITIVE OF [REDACTED] WHO INTENDS TO

ATTEND THIS HEARING, HE IS OF THE BELIEF THAT IT IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO INTENDS TO STATE THAT HE IS

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[REDACTED] IN PAST TERRY REPORTS. THESE HEARINGS WILL  
BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY THE L.A. OFFICE AND THE BUREAU PROMPTLY ADVISED OF  
ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

FBI, LOS ANGELES

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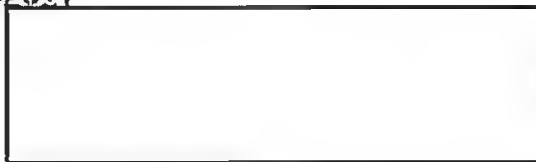
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ACTIVITIES. REMYAIRTEL 7/23/54. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
VOLUNTARILY APPEARED BEFORE THE ABOVE COMMITTEE ON THIS DATE  
ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

AT OUTSET

OF HEARING ATTORNEY BURNS READ A PREPARED STATEMENT IN WHICH  
HE STATED THAT INDIVIDUALS APPEARING BEFORE THIS HEARING WERE  
DOING SO ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AND/OR BY WRITTEN REQUEST TO  
THE COMMITTEE. BURNS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE IN RECEIPT OF  
A TELEGRAM FROM [REDACTED] THAT STATED QUOTE UNABLE TO ATTEND,  
WILL AMPLIFY MY PREVIOUS STATEMENT BY MAIL UNQUOTE. EACH  
WITNESS TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS NOT NOW OR NEVER HAD BEEN A  
MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. DETAILED INFO RE ABOVE WILL BE SUB-  
MITTED AT LATER DATE.

WAGONE

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# PUBLIC RED HEARING SET IN L.A.

FRESNO, July 22 (AP) — Sen. Hugh M. Burns (D) Fresno, chairman of the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities, announced today the committee will hold a public hearing in Los Angeles Monday at 2 p.m.

Main purpose of the hearing, Burns said, is to give these persons whose names have been mentioned in committee reports a chance to be heard.

Jesse L. Lasky Jr. of Pacific Palisades; Mary C. McCall Jr. of Hollywood; Albert S. Rogell and Howard Estabrook, both of Beverly Hills; True Boardman of Encino; William Kozlenko, Harold Godman, Paul Franklin, Guy Endore, Albert Lewis, all of Los Angeles, and Art Arthur, identified as the executive secretary of the Motion Picture Industry Council, Inc.

Burns added the committee also will conduct an inquiry into matters involving the

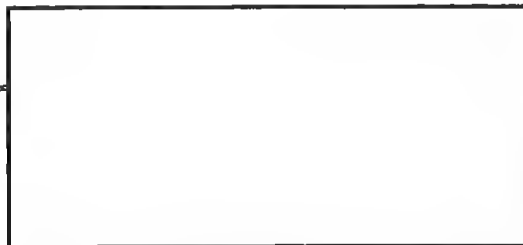
Westminster School District of Orange County.

This inquiry, he said, was requested by citizens in the community and officials of the district. He said they told the committee of reports that interference in school administration "has stemmed from an or-

ganization that may be subversive in character."

He did not elaborate except to say the following individuals have been subpoenaed to appear: L. W. Thomas, editor of the Westminster Herald; Ralph Edwards, a farmer in the community, and Albin Czerniawski.

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# "Organized Jewry" Assailed by Tenney for His Political Downfall

By H. ELDRIDGE

Defeated Senator Jack Tenney croaked his political swan song last Wednesday evening before an aged and apathetic audience whom he freely termed were quoted by the opposition as being "fascists, lunatics and crackpots"; and with characteristic breast-beating and flapping of his clipped wings he assailed "organized Jewry" for his downfall before the unfilled auditorium of the Embassy Auditorium.

Borrowing a page from the gilded books of bigots, the defeated politician promised the unhappy audience that he will return.

Freely admitting constant change of party affiliations; loyalty to Gerald L. K. Smith—whose claque organized the mournful political demise of Tenney—and exceeding ignorance of politics eighteen years ago when the people elected him first, Jack Tenney stoutly stated: "The Anti-Defamation League through suppression and control of newspapers, radio and television betrayed me, because I refused to go along with their request to repudiate G. L. K. Smith."

## Challenge to Corners

He further owlishly remarked: "We don't have to go under cover and say the Jews control politics. We PROVED that." He urged possible ADL "investigators" in the audience to take out pencils and write down what he was about to sagely remark: "G. L. K. Smith has been ridiculed and vilified and caricatured up and down this state. If organized Jewry knows he is lying why don't they prove it? I will meet Murray Chotiner or any other of their leaders for a debate at 7th and Broadway or in the Shrine Auditorium. I defy them to do so. I defy them to show the people the gospel truth."

He paused for breath and wiped away the sweat. While the audience worked up some steam and advised Mr. Tenney to "Throw the Jews out."

Tolerantly he replied: "No, that is not the way of Lincoln or Washington and I hope it is not the ultimate answer of General MacArthur or of Senator McCarthy. But," he piously added, "that is AN alternative."

## The Dailies Assailed

He firmly clasped the rostrum: "You people know more about the so-called Jew problem than I do, but that knowledge is dangerous. Five years ago, I did not know how clever the ADL was but study and retrospect convince me. It is financed by the B'nai B'rith with millions of dollars . . . Bernard Baruch and Maury Chotiner and ADL and all the others run the party; and the sooner we understand that and educate friends the better."

Tenney assailed the metropolitan dailies in no uncertain terms. He claimed no advance knowledge of Dr. Burgeson's attempt to unseat Mildred Younger by ringing in another woman of the same name. "I would have stopped that. It was a stupid thing to predicate a campaign on."

In closing, the beaten politico staunchly claimed: "We have two old and dead political parties. It is my fervent hope that within a few weeks we shall have another way to enter the field of politics."

## Shout for Money

He was succeeded by one of

Smith's cohorts who frantically denounced Jews while in the same breath he raised money to "clear the name of Smith". An alleged "doctor" Swift yelled at lung-top for money: "to pay for the appeal for Smith, to raise two or three thousand dollars to write Washington officials" about the menaces of various hallucinations they were currently dreaming up and postage for exclusive mailing lists.

## "Quickly Now"

Heckling the listeners to "quickly now, put your money in the envelopes," the auctioneer-voiced, sweaty little man from another state encouraged the perspiring oldsters with a brand new slogan: "Tenney will not be defeated." Then he urged them to put "loose offerings in the plate of the ushers so we don't have to touch Smith's appeal money to pay for the hall or the public address system."

## Nice and Quiet

As the aged, the crippled, the sick and the ignorant filed out, one patriot was heard to remark: "It was a nice quiet meeting without too much noise and confusion."

The odor of decaying garbage rose from a nearby garbage can adjoining the auditorium.

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# Testifies She'd 'Rather Be Dead Than Commie'

## Film Writer Talks at L. A. Red Hearing

Mary McCall jr., a top-flight Hollywood film writer who said her livelihood has been impaired since she was wrongfully termed a "Communist and fellow traveler," today dramatically told a state Senate Fact Finding Committee "I would rather be dead than be a Communist."

She was a voluntary witness before the Committee on Un-American Activities at the State Building.

### CORE OF REDS

Miss McCall, now the wife of David Bramson, former newspaperman, admitted that she had at various times belonged to groups later labeled Red fronts, but declared she disassociated from them in the belief a core of Communists were controlling the policies.

"I have three sons now enlisted in the army, one in Korea," she told the committee, chairmaned by Senator Hugh Burns.

"My husband has a history of 28 years in the army, either active or reserve.



**MARY MCCALL JR.**  
'Would Rather Be Dead Than Be a Communist'



**PAUL FRANKLIN**  
Asks That Name Be Cleared of Red Associations



**LOUIS GREENSPUN**  
Ex-Secretary of Film Council Testifies



**ART ARTHUR**  
Former Movie Exec States He Is Anti-Red

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### RATHER BE DEAD

"I am not a Communist, have never been a Communist and I say, solemnly, with the realization that I am under oath, that I would rather be dead than be a Communist."

The well-known screen writer, who originated the "Maisie" films, wrote "Craig's Wife," "Dancing in the Dark" and other screen successes, described herself as a "middle of the roader." She said that if she was guilty of anything, it was an "apathy" in that she and others did not fight the Communist infiltration into Hollywood as actively as they should have.

### LISTED BY TENNEY

Her chief complaint was that she was listed in the 1948 report of the Tenney Committee on Un-American Activities has having attended a meeting March 4, 1943, of the Hollywood Democratic Committee.

The report said it was attended by "such outstanding fellow travelers and Communists as Herbert K. Sorrell, Albert Dekker, Mary C. McCall jr., Frank Tuttle and Orson Welles."

Actually, she proved to the committee she was attending the annual banquet of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences at the Ambassador that night.

Other witnesses today were Paul Franklin, writer-director, and Louis Greenspun, Motion Picture Industry Council secretary. Those who testified yesterday were Jesse Lasky jr., Albert Lewis, Howard Estabrook and Art Arthur.

# CIGARET VS

## 5 film men act to clear names of subversive link

Five screen writers and producers who asked to be heard by the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities appeared yesterday to clear their names of any possible subversive associations.

The five are Jesse L. Lasky Jr., Albert Lewis, Howard Estabrook, Art Arthur and William Kozlenko.

**LASKY**, WITH the aid of Committee Counsel Richard E. Combs, established that he is not the Jesse Lasky listed in the committee's report as having signed a petition to qualify the



—Daily News photo.

**HOWARD ESTABROOK**  
Bought a ticket to a show

Communist Party for the ballot. He was in the Army in the Philippine invasion when the Lasky cited in the report was identified with a Hollywood Communist front organization, it was shown.

Lewis showed that he had been confused with an Albert Lewis doing scientific work on atomic energy. He asked that occupations be listed alongside names



—Daily News photo.

**ED GIBBONS**  
"...drivel and doubletalk"



—Daily News photo.

**ART ARTHUR**  
Active anti-Communist

in the committee's reports hereafter.

**ESTABROOK** testified he bought a ticket to a show at the Actors Lab and was shocked to learn later that he was listed as a sponsor of the theater group and that the group was a Communist front organization.

Kozlenko explained that as soon as he found that persons conducting meetings in his home were members of Communist front organizations he put a stop to the meetings.

Arthur introduced photostats of documents proving that he had been active in anti-Communist movements.

**ALL OF THE** witnesses denied past or present affiliation with the Communist Party and voiced approval of the committee's work in rooting out subversives.

Ed Gibbons, former editor of an anti-Communist publication, who wrote some of the committee's reports, created a commotion during the hearing by calling out from the spectators' section and accusing Estabrook of giving testimony that was "drivel and doubletalk."

Committee Chairman Hugh Burns reprimanded Gibbons, who said he would bring records to the meeting today and "refute Estabrook's testimony."

**APPEARING** at 10 a. m. today when the sessions resume will be Mary McCall Jr., twice president of the Screen Writers Guild, and writers Paul Franklin and Louis Greenspan.

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## Anti-Red quiz hears film writers today

Eleven screen writers will appear before the State Senate Committee on un-American Activities at a hearing in the State Building at 2 p. m. today.

Chairman Hugh M. Burns said the 11 Screen Writers Guild members who have been mentioned in committee reports, asked to be heard.

The scripters are Mary C. McCall Jr., William Kozlenko, Harold Godman, Albert S. Rogell, Paul Franklyn, Guy Endore, Jesse L. Lasky Jr., Art Arthur, True Boardman, Albert Lewis and Howard Estabrook.

ESTABROOK said yesterday, "I heartily endorse the work being done by the committee in clarifying and correcting early records and making these corrections public."

"Gregory Peck and I bought tickets for a theatrical performance by a group which, without authority, listed our names as 'sponsors.' Later the organization was exposed by the committee as Communist-dominated, and it is now extinct."

The committee has written Estabrook, commending him for his cooperation in rooting out subversives on the Hollywood scene.

CHAIRMAN BURNS said the committee will check reports that a possibly subversive organization interfered with the administration of the Westminster School District in Orange County. The hearings may continue tomorrow.

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# UN-AMERICAN QUIZ HEARS 5 FILM MEN

Two Show Identities Were Mistaken; All  
Deny Eyer Being Communist Party Members

Five screen writers and producers appeared before the State Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities here yesterday to clear their names of possible pro-Communist tinges.

Two of them—Jesse L. Lasky Jr., son of the famous film industry pioneer, and Albert Lewis, New York theatrical producer—turned out to be clear cases of mistaken identity.

Two others—Howard Estabrook and William Kozlenko—admitted past association with groups which, later, to their complete surprise, were labeled Communist-front organizations. The fifth, Art Arthur, described himself as an anti-Communist.

## Deny Any Red Ties

All five denied past or present Communist Party membership, denounced the party's principles and voiced approval of the Senate committee's work.

They were the first of a group who asked permission to appear before the committee at meetings which will continue through tomorrow in the State Building under the chairmanship of Sen. Hugh M. Burns of Fresno. Sitting with Burns is Sen. Nathan Coombs of Napa. Committee Counsel Richard E. Combs quickly established that Lasky, 43, of 8729 Shoreham Drive, is not the Jesse Lasky who was listed in the committee report as having signed a petition to qualify the Communist Party for the ballot. "I am different in heart, soul, mind and body as well as identity," Lasky told the committee.

He pointed out that he was in the Army participating in the invasion of the Philippines at the time the Lasky cited was supposed to have been associated with Communist front groups in Hollywood.

He also told the committee he had written an anti-Communist church play and showed the Senators a People's World review of one of his screen credits which branded it as more Communist-hating than Nazi movies.

## Same Name as Scientist

Lewis was mainly disturbed over the fact that his livelihood was endangered by the committee's citation of one Albert Lewis, a scientist working on atomic energy. He asked that occupations he listed beside names in the indexes of the committee reports.

Estabrook, Academy Award-winning screen writer of 10530 Wilshire Blvd., testified that he served two terms as vice-president of the Screen Writers Guild several years ago, was a member of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization, lectured twice to the Peoples Educational Center, contributed once to American Youth for Democracy and attended one performance of the Actors' Lab Theater.

He said there was no evidence at the time that any of the groups were Communist-front organizations. He was shocked, he testified, when he later was listed as a sponsor of the Actors' Lab Theater after having attended only one performance.

## Red Effect Negligible

Estabrook also said the effect on film scripts from Communist infiltration has been greatly overrated.

"It is negligible," he said, "I think it amounts to nothing."

"If you want to keep undesirable persons out of the Screen Writers Guild," he added, "you should start with the employers, because once they are hired they are in the guild automatically. That would

be a good job for you to work on."

Kozlenko, 47, screen writer, of 1236 S Camden Drive, said it was his interest in music that got him involved with persons who later turned out to be Communist sympathizers.

He said that in about 1944 he held musicals at his home. When he invited Jose Iturbi, he said, his associates upbraided him for inviting a "pro-Fascist." After that, he said, he had nothing more to do with them.

## Objected to Listing

Arthur, a producer and formerly executive secretary of the Motion Picture Industry Council, of 9654 Heather Road, Beverly Hills, objected to the listing of his name on the editorial committee of the Screen Writer at the time the SWG publication was edited by Gordon Kahn.

He said the report failed to point out that he was one of the leaders of the anti-Communist group and the principal antagonist of Kahn, later identified as a card-holding Communist, according to Arthur.

Arthur discussed Communist activities in Hollywood at length and said no front organizations are effective at the present time.

## Surprise Witness

Several persons who requested permission to testify failed to appear yesterday. Among these was Guy Endore, who sent a telegram saying he was unable to attend but would amplify by mail.

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A surprise witness was Loring Fiske, tennis professional at the Los Angeles Tennis Club, of 1522 N. St. Andrews Place, who said he would dispute any attempt by Endore to clear his name of Communist taint.

Fiske testified that Endore was one of the instructors in a course on writing of the novel which he took in 1946 at the Peoples Educational Center, 1717 N. Vine St. He said Endore and the others spent half their time discussing the Russian way of life favorably and "tearing the American way of life to pieces."

#### Challenges Testimony

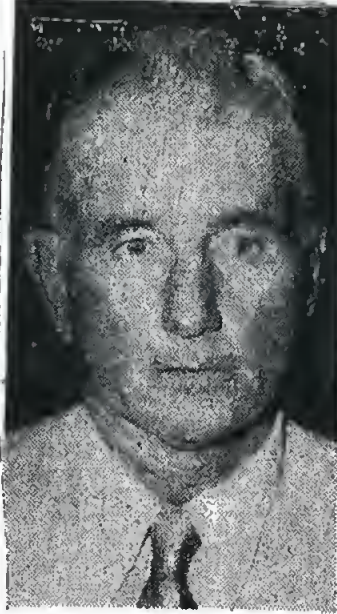
Ed Gibbons, editor of Alert, an anti-Communist publication, challenged some of Estabrook's testimony from the audience but was cut short by Chairman Burns. During a recess Gibbons made arrangements to testify this afternoon.

Other witnesses scheduled to appear today are Mary C. McCall Jr., who served as president of the SWG for two terms, Paul Franklin and Louis Greenspan, successor to Arthur on the MPIC. Harold Goldman sent word that he is ill, Albert S. Rogell is in England and True Boardman is in Chicago.

At the outset of yesterday's session Chairman Burns read a statement declaring that the current hearings were called because of letters received by the committee from persons whose names have appeared in its published reports.

#### Some Innocent Victims

"In many cases these individuals were the innocent victims of Communist hypocrisy and were active in these fronts only



**WITNESS**—Tennis Professional Loring Fiske tells hearing he would dispute any attempt by Writer Guy Endore to clear latter's name of Communist taint.

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until they realized their true nature," he said.

"The committee has repeatedly stated that it is eager to rectify errors and anxious to correct the records in cases where innocent people were victimized by Communist propagandists.

"It does not, however, intend to be used as a medium by people who knowingly and deliberately fellow-traveled for several years. We do not apologize for having accurately stated the activities of such persons who made their own records by their own freedom of choice and with their eyes wide open."

Tomorrow the committee is scheduled to hear testimony concerning an alleged attempt by a subversive organization to interfere with administration of the Westminster School District in Orange County.

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# Film Writers Deny Red Links

## 5 Members of Guild at State Inquiry

Five members of the Screen Writers Guild appeared before the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities, denied any Red sympathies and explained how their names had become linked with Communist-front groups.

Among them were Art Arthur, former executive secretary of the Red-fighting Motion Picture Industry Council, and Academy Award-winning Scenarist Howard Estabrook, who said his name was used without authorization by a Communist-front group.

Others testifying were Arthur Lewis, veteran film and theatrical producer who said he was a victim of mistaken identity; Frank Kozlenko, who acknowledged he had been hoodwinked by fellow music lovers, and Jesse L. Lasky Jr., who said he was serving on General MacArthur's staff in the Pacific when he was supposed to have been supporting Red activities here.

### SEND WIRES

All had been named in past reports of the committee and had asked to testify in order to clear their names. Three others will appear today. They are Mary McCall Jr., Harold Goodman and Paul Franklin. Three others who had asked to testify sent wires that business out of town prevented their appearance. These were Albert S. Rogell, Guy Endore and True Boardman.

A Hollywood tennis instructor, Loring Fiske, surprise witness, testified that he had attended 1946 meetings of a

People's Educational Center writers' course at which Endore lectured.

Fiske said sessions ended with comparisons of the Russian versus American way of life and that the "American way" suffered by comparison, with Endore shouting down criticism of Russian ideals.

Estabrook, who won an Oscar for "Cimarron," praised the committee's work and said both his name and that of Actor Gregory Peck had been used without authorization, as "sponsors" of "an organization exposed by the committee as Communist dominated and is now extinct."

### CHALLENGE

However, one of about 20 spectators in the State Building hearing, Ed Gibbons, editor of the anti-Communist publication, Alert, leaped up to challenge Estabrook's statement. However, Chairman Hugh M. Burns, Fresno Democrat, advised Gibbons to make arrangements to testify under oath today.

Kozlenko, 47, said he had allowed some people to use his home for musicales in 1944, then later found out they were Reds. "But I knew nothing about it," he insisted.

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# Screen Writers Deny Red Ties

## Wrongly Named, 5 Tell Cal. Solons in Hearing

Five screenwriters appeared before the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities at a meeting in the state building late today to clear themselves of asserted subversive associations.

Hugh M. Burns, Democrat, Fresno, committee chairman, and Nathan F. Coombs, Republican, Napa, heard testimony and statements from the writers contending they had been wrongly named in connection with various organizations and groups against which charges of subversive activity have been made.

Appearing today were William Kozlenko, 1236 South Camden drive; Jesse L. Lasky Jr., 879 Shoreline drive; Art Arthur, former executive secretary of the Motion Picture Industrial Council, Inc.; Albert Lewis, 169 Gretna Green way, and Howard Estabrook, 159 South Rodeo drive.

As Estabrook completed his statement, in which he said he was not now or never had been a member of the Communist Party, Ed Gibbons, co-editor of "Alert" magazine, arose from his seat and asked permission to "refute some of this testimony." Senator Burns told Gibbons to arrange during a recess for a place on the agenda.

### WILL HEAR 2 OTHERS

Mary McCall Jr., of 6200 Mulholland highway and Paul Franklin, 12970 San Vicente boulevard, are scheduled to meet with the committee tomorrow, Burns said.

Four other writers are either out of town or otherwise un-

able to appear before the committee. They are Harold Goddard, Alfred F. Rogell, Guy Endore and True Boardman.

Estabrook said his name was used as a sponsor by an organization without his authority, and that later "the organization was exposed by the committee as Communist dominated and is now extinct."

At a time when he was supposed to have connections with organizations that came to the committee's attention earlier, Lasky said he was serving in the army in the South Pacific, and had his war records with him.

### 'MISTAKEN IDENTITY'

Lewis contended he is the victim of a case of mistaken identity. He said an Albert Lewis was named in connection with Communism in Berkeley but "I have never been in Berkeley in my life."

Kozlenko said that it is possible that persons present in his home may have been active Communists but "I put a stop to these gatherings as soon as I discovered what they were supposed to be."

Arthur told the senators he has been a vigorous anti-Communist and has battled Communists for a long time. He presented photostats of documents indicating he had been active in Hollywood anti-Communist movements.

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## Cal. Committee To Document List More Carefully; Cite Mis-Identification Victims

A new listing procedure for the annual reports of the Calif. State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities was suggested yesterday by veteran legit and film producer-writer Al Lewis who proved to the committee that he had already suffered damage as a result of the present listing system. The committee, chaired by Sen. Hugh M. Burns, indicated the change will be adopted by the committee.

Lewis appeared at his own request to get the group to take action on the present method of indexing the names of persons identified in testimony before the committee. Under the present system, names or abbreviations are listed

without occupational identification.

As a result, Lewis pointed out, the name of scientist Albert Lewis is listed in the index as "Al. Lewis." This abbreviation has been scanned hastily by persons in the amusement industry who have then leaped to the erroneous conclusion that the producer-writer was the person mentioned. Lewis, the showman, of course, has never been named in any manner before any subversion-investigating committee. The committee informed Lewis that it would take steps to clarify the situation with the publication of the next volume and, in the meantime, offered to provide him with an official statement stipulating that he is not the person mentioned in the Un-American Activity reports.

Other voluntary witnesses before the committee yesterday included Howard Estabrook, Jesse Lasky, Jr., Art Arthur and William Kozlenko.

### Lasky Also a Victim

Lasky also was quickly identified by the committee as a victim of mistaken identity. "I am different in heart, soul, mind and body as well as identity," he declared and pointed out that he was serving on Gen. MacArthur's staff in the Pacific at the time he was supposedly associating with subversive organizations.

Remaining three witnesses admitted former association with organizations which subsequently, to their dismay, were listed as Red fronts.

### Gibbon Grabs Floor

During Estabrook's testimony, the hearing room was thrown into an uproar when Ed Gibbon, editor of the anti-Communist pamphlet Alert, leaped to his feet to challenge the writer's statements. Sen. Burns told him he could testify under oath at a later hearing if he had any information of value.

"Start with the employers," he declared, "because once they (writers) are hired, they are in the Guild automatically. That would be a good job for you to work on."

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## Five Film Industry Members Deny Being in Commie Party

Five members of the film industry yesterday appeared voluntarily before the State Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities to set the record straight concerning listings of their names in previous testimony and to

suggest ways to clarify the committee's compiled records. Principal witness was Art Arthur, former executive secretary of the Motion Picture Industry Council and now a producer, who has been a leader in the anti-communist fight in Hollywood but who in the committee files, has been listed as having been a member of the editorial committee of the Screen Writer, official publication of the Screen Writers Guild, at a time when that paper was

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edited by Gordon Kahn, many times identified as a communist.

Arthur showed that the record did not go on to state that he was one of the leaders in the battle to remove Kahn. He gave as a case in point that of Albert S. Rogell, a director, whose listing failed to mention he was one of Hollywood's top anti-communist leaders and who led the fight with C. B. DeMille against communist infiltration in the Screen Directors Guild. Rogell now is in England.

All five witnesses, after having been put under oath, lauded the efforts of chairman Hugh M. Burns for attempting to ascertain facts and clear up misunderstandings. Writer Guy Endore, who had asked for an opportunity to be heard, wired that he was unable to attend and would send his statement by mail.

Producer Albert Lewis said the index of names issued by the Senate committee resulted in confusion. In his case, published testimony concerning an Albert Lewis, an atomic scientist, being a suspected member of the communist party had redounded to his discredit and had caused him to lose out on at least three important production deals, he declared.

Veteran writer Howard Estabrook was the first witness heard. Listed as "sponsor" of the Actors Laboratory Theater, which later was termed a subversive organization, he declared, he had purchased two tickets to a production there, saw it, didn't like it and

never went back. He gave two talks at the People's Educational Center, another such group, in all innocence, and was unaware of the real nature of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization, he said.

Jesse L. Lasky, Jr., writer, declared he is not and never had been a member of the communist party, nor knowingly a member of any front groups. He pointed out that while a "Jesse Lasky" had signed a petition to get the party on the state ballot, he never had lived at the address given, and was out of the country in the Army when testimony linked him to activities of the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions and the Hollywood Democratic Committee.

Writer William Kozlenko got innocently involved with the communists when he permitted his house to be used for musicales at which admissions were charged with the "proceeds going to worthy causes," he told the committee. He never was told what the "worthy causes" were, nor does he know to this day, he testified. He also said he never had signed a petition calling for Soviet-American friendship.

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## FIND MORE FLAWS IN CALIF. STATE INDEX OF 'REDS'

California Senate Un-American Activities Committee's annual index came under fire again yesterday in a demand that an official Government "screening" agency be established to end a "haphazard" system that leads to blacklisting.

Mary McCall, Jr., appearing as a voluntary witness to refute charges that she was a Communist or a Communist sympathizer, urged that the Department of Justice be permitted to supply clearances to the communications field for the "protection of the innocent." The former Screen Writers Guild prexy declared that the present setup is based on "faulty and incomplete information, supplied by expensively inefficient private detectives, inaccurate documents like the Tenney reports, profit-making companies like 'Red Channels,' gossip, grudges and rumors."

Miss McCall pointed out that the committee's 1948 report identifies her as having attended a meeting of the Hollywood Democratic Committee, subsequently identified as a Commie front, on a night when actually she was attending an Oscar derby.

Other witness of the day was Paul Franklin, former prexy of the Radio Writers Guild, who also denied that he ever had been a supporter of the Reds, as charged in Committee's listing.

Expected rebuttal of earlier testimony failed to materialize at yesterday's session of the Committee. Ed Gibbon, former publisher of a longtime anti-Communist publication, had interrupted proceedings Monday in an effort to refute testimony given by Howard Estabrook. Gibbon was told to come back yesterday and testify under oath if he had any pertinent information. He failed to show.

At the conclusion of the session yesterday, Committee chairman Sen. Hugh Burns indicated the Committee might "work out some liaison deal to educate the television industry to the facts of life."

Lou Greenspan, MPIC excc, sat on the sideline as industry liaison at hearings. He, never having been named in any charges, is not a witness at the hearings.

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## State Red Probers Asked to Help TV Clear 'Innocents'

Aid of the State Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in behalf of innocent persons deemed unemployable in the radio-TV industry because of their being mentioned in the committee's past reports was asked yesterday by Howard Estabrook, film and TV writer. Again taking the stand, Estabrook pointed out that the TV industry is disorganized as far as any central source of information concerning communists and suspected communists is concerned; that persons hired by one advertising agency are not acceptable to other agencies, and that producers, agencies are "all as sensitive as rabbits" concerning their relationships with the public.

Senator Hugh M. Burns, chairman of the committee, said his group would be happy to lend assistance to the industry.

Mary C. McCall, Jr., former president of the Screen Writers Guild, and Paul Franklin, former head of the Radio Writers Guild, took the stand voluntarily yesterday, declared they are not and never have been members of the communist party. Miss McCall proposed a plan to permit the Department of Justice to supply management in the communications fields — films, radio, TV, newspapers, magazines, books and the theatre — with clearances based on thorough investigations, ~~such as~~ are supplied to defense plants.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-15252)

DATE: July 30, 1954

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-2017)

SUBJECT: (CALIFORNIA) SENATE FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE  
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 6-30-54;  
Re Los Angeles Air Tels to Bureau dated 7/22,23,26,27/54

[redacted] orally advised SA [redacted] on [redacted] and [redacted] that public hearings of the above committee were held July 26,27, and 28, 1954 in Room 115, State Building, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. RICHARD COMBS, Chief legal counsel for the committee, commonly referred to as the BURNS' Committee, advised that a public notice was issued prior to the hearings requesting any individual who desired to appear before the committee could do so on a voluntary basis in order to clarify any particular issue or item that has previously appeared in the committee's reports.

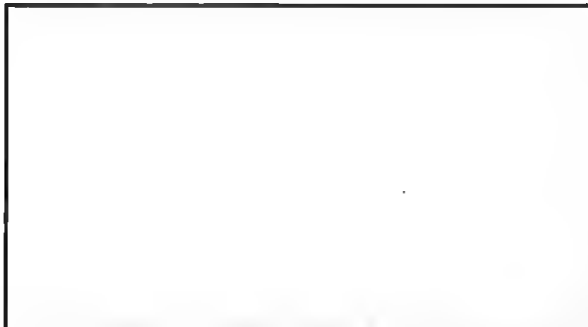
The proceedings on July 26, 1954 were as follows:

Senator BURNS, Chairman of the committee, read a prepared statement at the outset of the hearings explaining the reason why the hearings were being held by stating that they were held to enable any individuals who have

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been mentioned in the committee's reports to voluntarily appear and set the record straight as to their activities in the Communist Party (CP) or their CP sympathies in the past. He further stated that the committee was interested in obtaining the facts regarding any person's name mentioned in the reports and give them an opportunity to clarify their status.

A telegram was then read from GUY ENDORE by Senator BURNS which read: "Unable to attend, will amplify my previous statement by mail."

The voluntary witnesses appearing on July 26, 1954 were:

HOWARD ESTABROOK, 159 South Rodeo Drive, Los Angeles, California;  
JESSE L. LASKY, JR., 8729 Shoreham Drive, Los Angeles, California;  
ALBERT LEWIS, 400 East 57th Street, New York City;  
WILLIAM KOZLENKO, 1236 South Camden Drive, Los Angeles;  
ART ARTHUR, 9654 Heather Road, Beverly Hills, California (ARTHUR read an affidavit and statement for ALBERT S. ROGELL)

On July 27, 1954 the voluntary witnesses appearing before the committee were:

MARY McCALL BRANSON, 6200 Mulholland Drive, Los Angeles, California;  
PAUL FRANKLIN, 12970 San Vicente Road, Los Angeles, California;  
HOWARD ESTABROOK, 159 South Rodeo Drive, Los Angeles, California  
(Testified at previous day's hearings);  
LOUIS GREENSPUN, Executive Secretary of Motion Picture Industry Council and testified for a short period on this date. He stated that the council was still dedicated to fighting Communists as explained by ART ARTHUR, mentioned above.

On July 28, 1954 the committee heard witnesses regarding an inquiry on matters involving the Westminster School District of Orange County which was requested by citizens in Orange County and officials in that school district regarding the interference in their school administration of the organization entitled Westminster School Improvement Association which they stated may be subversive in character. Those testifying were:

LLOYD THOMAS, publisher of the Westminster Herald Newspaper;  
ALBIN CZERNIAWSKI;  
RALPH EDWARDS, Westminster Bean Rancher;  
W. L. REID, Salesman and one of the organizers of the Association;  
ED GIBBONS, Editor of the anti-Communist publication "Alert"

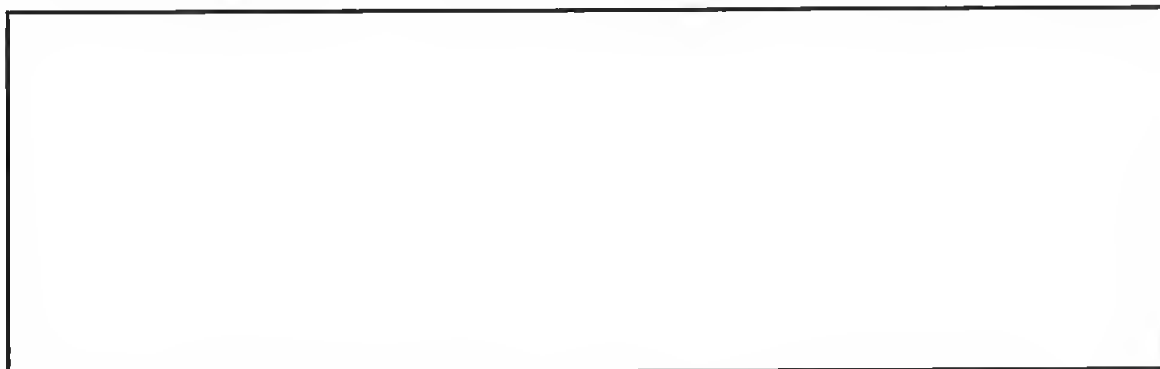
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The individuals testifying before the committee on July 26 and 27, 1954 were all asked whether they were now or ever had been a member of the Communist Party or Communist Political Association. All of the witnesses appearing on these dates advised the committee that they were not now or ever had been a member of the Communist Party.

ALBIN CZERNIAWSKI testified on July 28, 1954 and denied that he had ever been a Communist or knowingly a member of Communist-front groups.

Information in the Los Angeles files concerning the above individuals was furnished to the Bureau in referenced air tels.

The following individuals were scheduled to appear but did not appear before the committee for the following reasons:



A summary of each individual's testimony is set out hereafter under separate caption and the insert pertaining to each witness will be included in the subject's Los Angeles file where pertinent.

Testimony of HOWARD ESTABROOK  
on July 26, 1954

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ESTABROOK testified that he is presently employed as a screen and television writer at RKO Studios. He said that he was formerly a writer for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Paramount, and 20th Century Fox studios. He stated that he was vice-president of the Screen Writers Guild (SWG) four or five years ago and that MARY McCALL was president of the SWG when he was vice-president. He was asked by the committee regarding his knowledge of Communist Party infiltration and control of the SWG. He replied by stating the only evidence that he could see of any Communist Party (CP) control of the SWG was when someone introduced a motion of a certain employee that was leaving the guild be paid \$1,000 as a separation pay for work done for the SWG. ESTABROOK stated that this employee had sided rather prominently on the left side. He further testified that there was very little CP infiltration among movie producers. He explained that the SWG was a one hundred percent union shop and worked on a basic minimum agreement and that it depended on the persons hiring individuals of the guild as to whether the wrong people would become members of the SWG and could then endeavor to gain control of the union. He advised that he had appeared voluntarily before the committee and commended the present committee for the work they were doing in clearing the air on this situation.

He stated that in connection with his affiliation with the People's Educational Center he was called on the telephone and was asked to teach a course on writing and directing at the center. He stated that he gave two lectures at the People's Educational Center in 1944. He proceeded to make derogatory statements regarding the previous members of this committee, commonly referred to as the "Tenney Committee", in that they merely listed names and associated individuals' names with subversive type organizations without giving them a chance to explain or knowing the full facts. He then stated he approved of the present "fact-finding committee" and the way it is presently being conducted. He then stated that he had made contributions to the American Youth for Democracy but he could not recall the date. Committee members supplied the date 1944 to which he stated he could not recall the exact date but it was around that time. ESTABROOK testified that he bought a ticket to a show at the Actors Laboratory which he had then hold at the box office. As a result of this he stated he was listed and included as a sponsor of this production which was later listed as a Communist front organization.

He then admitted participation in the organization Hollywood Writers Mobilization (HWM). He said this committee was set up to promote and help the war effort. He then cited page 220 of LOUIS BUDENZ's article "Men Without Faces" regarding the HWM. He admitted joining the Writers' Congress and referred to the article by BUDENZ regarding the congress and

stated that he did not see why the Communists wanted to "mess around with these organization." He gave as an example the "Hollywood Reporter" where the Communists attempted to edit a publication and gain control of these various organizations. He now sees how it all unfolds and sees the purpose of it. He then added that the BUDENZ article should be called "Invisible Men Without Faces."

ESTABROOK then testified that he is not now nor has he ever been a member of the CP or Communist Political Association. At this point ED GIBBONS, editor of the anti-Communist magazine "Alert" arose from his seat as a spectator and stated that he wanted to refute ESTABROOK's testimony. Senator BURNS then advised GIBBONS to arrange during a recess for a place on the agenda.

On June 27, 1954 ESTABROOK again appeared before the Committee and produced an excerpt from the Congressional Record of the 79th Congress explaining the existence and setup of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization to support his previous statements regarding this organization. He then stated that he thought that the television industry "is a real mess." He said that the TV industry is real sensitive to any type of subversive activities of any individuals appearing or connected with television. He stated that the movie industry has only the particular production to sell whereas television in addition to having the production is faced with a problem of advertising the product and therefore the advertising agencies connected with television are sensitive and fearful that the public will stop buying the product if anyone appears on television with past CP connections. He stated that each agency has their own way of picking the persons hired and that a lot of them just look at the TENNEY report index and stop there without going to the context to determine what is reported. He further said "the TV boys should come out of the back room and take the TV industry by the neck." In this regard he stated there is no organization in the TV industry and that television needs a central bureau similar to the movie industry where these matters could be taken care of in a matter of minutes. He then suggested that the committee set up a liaison with the television industry to arrive at some solution with this problem.

Testimony of JESSE L. LASKY, JR.  
on July 26, 1954

LASKY testified that he resides at 8729 Shoreham Drive, Los Angeles, California where he has resided for approximately the last two months. He previously resided at 809 Greentree Road. He was asked by the committee if he is now or ever has been a member of the CP. To this he answered in the negative. The committee then asked if he had ever resided at 1034 South Catalina Street, Los Angeles, California. He replied "No Sir." Committee counsel then inquired if LASKY had ever signed a petition to qualify the CP for the ballot. To this LASKY also replied in the negative. It was established that LASKY was therefore not identical with the JESSE LASKY mentioned in the previous reports. LASKY stated that whoever this individual was that he was different in heart, soul, mind, and body, and that he did not think and approve of any Communist viewpoints.

LASKY advised that he was presently a writer at Paramount Studios. He further stated that he was in the Army in the Philippine Invasion when the LASKY cited in the reports was identified with Hollywood Communist front organizations. He said that he was glad to play a part in the anti-Communist fight. He explained that on April 22, 1949 he filmed a motion picture entitled "Sickle And The Cross" for the Lutheran Church. It was a movie of Communism verses the Christian World. He presented an article appearing in the "Daily People's World" dated February 28, 1954 wherein appeared a critical review of one of his works "Hell And High Water."

Testimony of ALBERT LEWIS  
on July 26, 1954

LEWIS testified that he resided at 400 East 57th Street, New York City and that he flew in to Los Angeles for the sole purpose of testifying at this hearing. The committee made it clear that they had conferred with him previously that he did not have to appear before the committee. LEWIS stated he wanted to appear to clear his name.

LEWIS stated that inasmuch as the ALBERT LEWIS mentioned in the reports is of an entirely different vocation, it is a very unfair supposition to think that he is identical with this LEWIS. He made the recommendation to the committee that the index refer to the LEWIS mentioned in the reports as a scientist. He then told how an executive refused to read a script owned by EDDIE CANTOR and himself because of his name appearing in the committee's reports index. He advised that he has never been a member of the CP or Communist Political Association, the American Youth for Democracy and that he has never resided at 3989 Denver Avenue, Los Angeles, California. This is clearly a case of mistaken identity.

Testimony of WILLIAM KOZLENKO  
on July 26, 1954

KOZLENKO stated that he was a writer for motion pictures and television and resided at 1236 South Camden Drive, Los Angeles. He stated that he made a request to the committee to appear before them and was there on a voluntary basis and stated this must be some case of mistaken identity and explained that he had never been a member of the CP now or at anytime in the past.

In regards to the mistaken identity, he said that there was one WILLIAM KOSLENKO connected with the organization Soviet-American Friendship. KOZLENKO stated that he came to Hollywood from New York in 1942 and started writing for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. He stated that due to his lame condition and because he was a music lover he used his living room on many occasions to play music and invited many guests to his house. He stated that he had formerly met EARL ROBINSON in New York and that ROBINSON came over to his house and a gathering listened to ROBINSON's works "Ballad for Americans." At that time ROBINSON suggested using KOZLENKO's living room to put on musical concerts which he explained would be a paid admission and that the proceeds would go "for a worthy cause." KOZLENKO stated that his name was listed as a sponsor for these musical programs and that his name had been mentioned in the "Daily People's World". The American Youth for Democracy was one such organization that was listed and he stated that he did not sponsor this or any other organization that he knew to be connected with the CP. He advised that he suspended these events when he realized there was some Communist connection. He stated that he is a member of the anti-Communist Motion Picture Alliance and that he is definitely against any type of Communism. He submitted an affidavit dated February 18, 1953 with the complete list of the organizations with which he has been connected.



Testimony of ART ARTHUR  
on July 26, 1954

ARTHUR testified that he resided 9654 Heather Road, Beverly Hills, California and that he has been a producer and screen writer since 1936. He stated that he was formerly Executive Secretary of the Motion Picture Industry Council and that this council was responsible and contributed to virtually eliminating Communist activities in Hollywood. The council lent active support to the investigations during the five years he was Executive Secretary of the council. He stated that he resigned as of March, 1954. He stated the leading members of this organization were also members of the Motion Picture Alliance and that each individual was chosen by his own member organization for representation on the council. ARTHUR stated that this council was a "blue ribbon body." He then pointed out that he was a dear friend of ALBERT S. ROGELL who was mentioned as being on the Executive Board of the Hollywood Independent Citizen's Committee Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council (HICCASP) and in ROGELL's absence he wanted to state that ROGELL was one of the first individuals in Hollywood to "smell the Communists and denounce JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and other leading Communist figures in Hollywood." ARTHUR presented a letter in behalf of ROGELL showing his anti-Communist feelings.

ARTHUR stated that on page 372 of the 1948 Committee Report his name (ART ARTHUR) was listed on the Editorial Committee of "Screen Writer", official publication of the SWG. He said that he was on the committee and was continually fighting the editor of "Screen Writer" and that he did everything he could to fight Communism. He said that he had been accused of being a "undercover man for the Federal Bureau of Investigation" because of his activities in denouncing the editor of "Screen Writer."

ARTHUR testified that he was not now or had ever been in the past a member of the CP or Communist Political Association and he said that radio and television used this guide (TENNEY report) as a Bible and that in his estimation the radio and television industry was "highly radio active."

ARTHUR was then asked by the committee's counsel as to what Communist front was currently operating in Hollywood. ARTHUR replied that in his opinion the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council which was a carry over from HICCASP was the present CP front in Hollywood. ARTHUR further stated that the International Workers Order was active but that labor in Hollywood was strongly anti-Communist. He then presented for inclusion in the record an affidavit of ALBERT S. ROGELL dated December 7, 1953.

Testimony of MARY McCALL BRANSON  
on July 27, 1954

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BRANSON testified that she resided at 6200 Mulholland Drive, Hollywood 28, California. She had spent the last 20 years in Southern California and that she has been a screen writer for the past 22 years. She testified that she was president of the Screen Writers Guild (SWG) 1942-1943, 1943-1944, 1951-1952.

She stated she belonged to the Writers' Congress and was on the Advisory Committee. She mentioned the call to the Congress in August of 1943 and stated that she was connected with the Writers' Congress while she was president of the SWG. She then testified that she was a member of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization (HWM) which she stated was a clearing house for writers. She said this organization was started almost immediately after Pearl Harbor and that approximately ninety percent of all working writers in this area belonged.

She was then asked about infiltration and control of the SWG. She stated that "in 1945 it had become apparent that a minority was working in SWG of Communists judging them by their actions but did not see their cards."

She was then asked regarding her membership on the Emergency Committee on KFI. She stated that she was connected with this committee and she did not think the owner of radio station KFI was right in dismissing employees from the station and that the action was not warranted, that it was capricious and was not in the public interest, therefore she took a part in this committee's work.

She then testified regarding the Actors Laboratory wherein she stated she attended two plays and that they had included her name on a list as an audience sponsor.

She then stated she was a member of the Hollywood Democratic Committee and that she was connected with this group. She thought it was a part of the regular Democratic Party and she advocated that it become a regular working part of the Democratic party but that she was voted down in this matter and she later discontinued her membership.

She stated at this point that she had three sons who enlisted in the Army, one who is presently in Korea, and that her husband had served for 28 years in the Army either active or on reserve status. She read a statement "I am not a Communist, have never been a Communist and I say solemnly with the realization that I am under oath, that I would rather be dead than be a Communist." She stated she is not a Communist sympathizer

or did she perform any acts in conformity with the Communist Party or bring aid and comfort to the Communist Party. She further testified that the Communists loathed her because she was "a middle of the road individual and that she got in their way." She said that if she was guilty of anything it was an "apathy" in that she and others did not fight the Communist infiltration into Hollywood as actively as they should. Her main complaint was that she was listed in the 1948 report of the committee as having attended a meeting on March 4, 1943 of the Hollywood Democratic Committee. She then proceeded to prove to the committee that she was attending the annual banquet of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences at the Ambassadors Hotel on that night.

She stated that she was a member of the Executive Commission of the Hollywood Independent Citizen's Committee Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council (HICCASP) of the first year of its existence and that her sole connection with the People's Educational Center was in the late fall of 1940 when it was known as the League of American Writers. She taught one class for DORE SCHARY and was using one of her scripts "Congo Mazie" as the basis for class discussion and at no time was there anything regarding Communism mentioned. Mrs. BRANSON stated that she has always been a "middle of the roader" and that it is like being surrounded by a cellophane wall because you are exposed all around.

At another point in her testimony she stated that when the "mighty middle" worked hard, the Communists never took over an organization. She stated that the Screen Writers Guild had over 900 members and that the Communists did not take it over. She stated that they tried the old Communist technique to get executive board members and office help to work at the Screen Writers Guild. She stated that any organization wants to be sure of the intelligence and integrity of the paid employees to avoid Communist infiltration. The communications (radio, television, and movie industry) now want to make sure who they are hiring. However, in attempting to screen their employees, they are using available information from "professional detectives and early reports of this committee" and this information is being taken as the gospel. She recommended to the committee that if there could be something set up here the employees could get a clearance from the "Department of Justice where there could be trained investigators where they have no ax to grind." She stated this would be an extraordinary thing but she thinks that the Department of Justice should screen employees of the communications industry as these are extraordinary times.

Testimony of PAUL FRANKLIN  
on July 27, 1954

FRANKLIN testified that he resided at 12970 San Vicente Road, Los Angeles and that he has been a writer for the past 25 years in motion pictures and recently in television. He testified that he is not or ever had been a member of the Communist Party (CP) or had any CP sympathies. He testified that he was president of the Radio Writers Guild 1942-1943, 1949-1950. He was asked by the committee counsel as to whether there was any CP infiltration in the Radio Writers Guild. He stated that he did notice CP infiltration in 1949 and 1950 where upon he resigned from the organization and has not attended a meeting of the Radio Writers Guild since 1950. He was asked as to the seriousness of the infiltration of the Radio Writers Guild and he stated that he did not think they attempted to set the policy but that there were people of questionable loyalty in the Radio Writers Guild during this period. He stated that he was a member of the Hollywood Democratic Committee. He could not remember the exact date but joined in 1942 and remained active for approximately 18 months. FRANKLIN stated he was in the Writers Congress 1941-1944 and that he was a member of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization which was started in the beginning of World War II and that ninety percent of the writers belonged and that he did not see any Communists in the organization at that time.

FRANKLIN stated that "my career has been pro-American and anti-Communist and has been fighting Communism."

Testimony Regarding WESTMINSTER SCHOOL  
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
on July 28, 1954

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LLOYD THOMAS, publisher of the Westminster Herald Newspaper, testified and furnished the committee notes and offered to supply photographs and tape recordings regarding his suspicions of the Westminster School Improvement Association which was formed less than a year ago for the admitted purpose of obtaining a change in administrations of the Westminster School District.

He testified that he became suspicious of this organization when one of the members, ALBIN CZERNIAWSKI, was a member of the Independent Progressive Party and a subscriber to the "People's World" Communist publication. THOMAS stated that he was not welcomed at the association's meetings although they were billed as being open to press and public and he with a friend, RALPH EDWARDS a Westminster bean rancher and a juvenile assistant, hid in the attic of the Westminster Odd Fellows Hall on four occasions in January through March where they listened to the proceedings. THOMAS admitted that thus far his investigation has produced no evidence of possible subversion in the organization other than CZERNIAWSKI's record. Committee Counsel, RICHARD CONES, asked THOMAS what conclusions he had reached as a result of his investigation. He stated "I believe that a civic group working for the benefit of the schools should not have members or officers who have been members of the organizations not akin to our American way of life - especially when it sought to gain control of the school and succeed it."

ALBIN CZERNIAWSKI testified before the committee and denied that he had ever been a Communist or knowingly a member of Communist front groups. He admitted joining the International Workers Order for the insurance benefits but not knowing of the Communist connection and registered for the Independent Progressive Party when HENRY WALLACE was running for president. CZERNIAWSKI admitted that he subscribed to the "People's World" and "In Fact", both Communist publications, but that he did not read them much and did not believe them to be un-American. He stated that he had these publications in order to please his customers. He testified that he was a hardware dealer in Westminster and that he had been the victim of a whisper campaign which was climaxed on May 10, 1954 in a drug store in Westminster when THOMAS called him a Communist and he retaliated by slapping the publisher in the face. CZERNIAWSKI submitted written statements from individuals testifying to his loyalty.

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LEROY C. KING is the new chairman of the School Board who was the association's successful candidate in the recent election as were MARSHALL SHELSTAD and Mrs. GENEVIEVE MASHEURN. KING testified "I cannot by any stretch of the imagination say there was any Communist influence in the association."

W. L. REID also testified and stated that the association "is not in any sense of the word a Communist front organization"

ED GIBBONS, editor of the anti-Communist publication "Alert", testified that the Screen writers who testified on Monday and Tuesday to clear their names of suspicion had presented a "completely false picture." GIBBONS challenged the testimony of MARY C. McCALL (BRANSON) that the Screen Writers Guild had never been captured by the Communists and HOWARD ESTABROOK's statement that the Hollywood Writers Mobilization was engaged in only patriotic work.

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WHERE CERTAIN MEMBERS OF LOS ANGELES MEDICAL PROFESSION ARE  
CONCERNED. AFTER A NUMBER OF DELAYS, THESE HEARINGS ARE  
SCHEDULED TO START 12/6/54. FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE SCOPE  
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Death threats against a prominent Los Angeles educator and physician...

The taking over by Reds of an American hospital in China through pre-occupation infiltration, with the warning that "it could happen here..."

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These were highlights as testimony today before the State Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in the second day of its investigation into the Communist conspiracy to infiltrate the medical profession.

Dr. E. Vincent Askey, one-

time president of the Los Angeles School Board, and former Medical College faculty member at the University of Southern California, was the man who said that suspected Communists threatened to kill him for opposing their activities in Los Angeles educational circles.

### DEATH THREAT

After he was named school board president in 1940 the Workers Alliance sought permission to use a high school auditorium for a meeting to be addressed by Harry Bridges, longshoremen's chief, who was

being a Communist, Dr. Askey testified.

Dr. Askey opposed the request.

"After the uproarious meeting," he testified, "a member of the Alliance came up to me and said: 'When we take over you will be the second Los Angeles man to be stood up against a wall and shot.'"

Dr. Nathaniel Bercovitz of Pasadena told how Chinese Communists had taken over a hospital after infiltrating it, and Dr. Ben Frees testified about the Hollywood meeting at which he heard disloyal utterance. He is

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# Friendly Medics to Talk

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a past president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

As superintendent of the Presbyterian Hospital on the island of Hainan, China, from 1915 until 1953, Dr. Bercovitz said that his staff numbered "two loyal employes," one a man choir singer for 12 years, the other a deaconess for 18 years.

But they were revealed to be secret Communist agents when the Reds moved in from the mainland.

"This made it simple for the Reds to take over the hospital under a commissar who launched a reign of terror," said the witness who stayed under "house arrest" for 35 months.

He implied that such incidents "could happen here" if the Communists ever take over America.

Dr. Frees said that "my eyes were opened to the extent of the Communist conspiracy" at the "Emergency Medical Committee" meeting in Hollywood in May, 1949.

"Speakers put out the propaganda that a professional man should not take a loyalty oath—that loyalty to one's country amounts to very little," he told the committee.

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He said that Dr. Marden Alsborge finally seized the microphone from the speakers who were insulting America and refuted their disloyal statements.

Dr. Askey also attended the meeting described by Dr. Frees and said that he saw "an attorney, a cleric, a dentist and an optometrist—but an M.D. was the chairman."

A surprise witness, Dr. Sidney M. Kolodny, 40, testified he quit the staff of the Community Medical Center in 1953 because he found that too many of his colleagues there "leaned toward



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## DR. BEN FREES Tells of Anti-Loyalty Talk at Medic Meeting

left wing groups including the Communist Party."

Other staff members, Dr. Kolodny said, asked him to sign petitions seeking clemency for Evelyn and Julius Rosenberg, later executed for espionage; and against the deportation of Harry Bridges.

Dr. Kolodny branded as false the charge of "discrimination" he said the People's World and the Communist Medical Foundation had made against Queen of Angels Hospital.

## OTHERS TESTIFY

Three other friendly witnesses who appeared during the afternoon session were Dr. Stafford Warren, dean of the University of California at Los Angeles Medical School; Dr. Walter E. Macpherson, dean of the College of Medical Evangelists School of Medicine, and Attorney George W. Nilsson, who represented President Lloyd Wright of the American Bar Association.

Dr. Warren testified that as

a member of the Radiological Research Advisory Council of the California Civil Defense he was aware of the great danger of Communist infiltration into atomic bomb projects.

The committee adjourned early after a witness asked that his subpoena be continued until tomorrow morning. He was Dr. Jack Flasher, who appeared with Attorney Daniel G. Marshall. The attorney has appeared on many previous occasions as counsel for witnesses who have taken the Fifth Amendment on hearings.

Most of the 50 remaining witnesses under subpoena for subsequent sessions of the five-day hearing are expected to be "hostile."

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# Red Plot to Rule L.A. Medics Told

## Tried to Infiltrate Assn. Probers Told; 14 Doctors Named

Anti-Communist members of the Los Angeles County Medical Association secretly attended meetings of Communist groups in the association's battle to prevent the Reds from grabbing control of the association...

Fourteen of the 16 Los Angeles doctors who have figured in congressional investigations of Communism are members of the association.

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These were highlights of testimony at the opening session of the State Senate Committee on 'Un-American Activities' here today. Object of the five-day session is to ferret out and expose Red doctors.

Dr. J. Philip Sampson, president of the association testified after Richard E. Combs, chief counsel for the committee, disclosed that the committee headed by Senator Hugh M. Burns at Fresno, had asked the doctors to learn all they could about the Communist conspiracy.

Combs read into the record the names of the doctors he said had been identified as Communists by witnesses before the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, or had refused to tell the committee whether they were or ever had been members of the party.

#### NAME DOCTORS

Combs listed Drs. Alexander Pennes, Joseph Hilletman, Simson Marcus, Morris Feder, Howard Koppelman, Milton Lester, Samuel Sperling, Walter Kempler, Jacob Druckman, Thomas L. Perry, Gordon Rosenblum, Murray Abowitz, Frederick Reynolds, Jack Nedelman, Oscar Elkins and Onar Barker.

Under questioning, Dr. Sampson declared under oath that 14 of the doctors named by Combs were members of the association, but he did not identify them.

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Dr. Joseph de los Reyes, vice president of the County Medical

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**SAYS DOCTORS 'PRIME TARGETS' OF REDS**  
**Dr. J. Philip Sampson, President of Los Angeles County Medical Association, Testifies**

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The defeated slate, however, polled about 20 per cent of the vote.

The University of Southern California became so alarmed over the Communist infiltration into the Association of Interns and Medical Students that it abolished the association chapter on the campus, Dr. Alesen testified.



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**DR. LOUIS A. ALESEN**  
Says Red-Backed Candidates  
Lost 1949 Election



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**DR. EWING L. TURNER**  
Says 50 Signed Petitions  
Opposing Loyalty Oath

# L.A. Medics' Red 'Purge' Described

## 60 Doctor, Nurse Witnesses to Testify

The Los Angeles County Medical Assn. first became "concerned" about communists in the medical profession several years ago after the firing of three doctors from the staff of Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

This was the testimony of Dr. John Phillip Sampson, president of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn., and first witness to appear today before a State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities meeting in Los Angeles.

The state committee is looking into charges that communists have attempted to infiltrate the medical profession in the state. More than 60 doctors and nurses are scheduled to testify at the hearings in Room 115 of the State Building.

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The five-day hearing was opened by Sen. Hugh M. Burns, of Fresno, who said that the probe was requested by the County Medical Assn. in two letters, one dated Dec. 12, 1953, and another Jan. 13, 1954.

#### TARGET OF REDS

Dr. Sampson read a resolution passed by the association June 1, 1953, in which it was stated that communists in the medical profession could not meet the ethics of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn.

"We have known for some time that the medical profession particularly has been a target for party infiltration," Dr. Sampson testified.

"We wish to clean our skirts completely. If there are any communists in our group, we want them known. We want to be good Americans."

The witness explained that communist infiltration has not been on a large scale but has been accomplished through organizing committees in small areas.

He also stated that considerable effort was made by Communist Party members to elect a slate of candidates at an election about the time that three doctors were fired from the staff of Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

Scheduled to appear before the committee was another "friendly witness," Dr. Ewing L. Turner, secretary and treasurer of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn., who will take office as president Jan. 1, succeeding Dr. Sampson.

On hand today to conduct the hearing, in addition to Burns, were: John F. McCarthy, of San Rafael, and John Thompson, of San Jose. Examination of witnesses is handled by Richard E. Combs, committee counsel.

#### GENERAL PROBE

When the meeting opened, Burns said that these hearings would complete a general probe of communists in the medical profession. At the same time, Combs announced that all witnesses to the proceeding would be under subpoena. "There will be no voluntary witnesses here," Combs said.

Burns said the object of the hearing is to determine just how far communists have infiltrated into the medical profession in the county.

Other witnesses lined up for today were Dr. Louis Alesen, Dr. Joseph De Los Reyes and Dr. Chester Roberts.

Combs said that the first two days of the hearing will be devoted to questioning "friendly and co-operative witnesses," including deans of two medical schools.

He predicted that "the fireworks" will develop later this week when "unfriendly witnesses" appear to testify.

## Reds Could Take Over U.S. Hospitals, Ex-China Doctor Warns Probers Here

What happened to hospitals and doctors in China when the Reds took over could happen here if Reds infiltrate the medical profession, the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee was warned today.

Dr. Nathaniel Bereovitz, 536 Ave. 64, Pasadena, spent 35 months as a prisoner of the Chinese Reds in one room of his hospital on Hainan Island. He was superintendent of the Presbyterian mission

hospital there for 35 years until his imprisonment. He was released in 1953.

Dr. Bereovitz said many of his trusted aides were revealed as long-time Red agents when the Communists took over the hospital.

Dr. Bereovitz said the Chinese Communies had done an effective job of infiltrating the Chinese medical profession.

Dr. Ben Frees, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the

Los Angeles County Medical Association, disclosed that Reds' infiltration in Southern California in the medical profession was so serious in 1948-49 that the LACMA asked the State Senate committee for help in driving them out.

"I had my eyes opened by a meeting against loyalty oaths for doctors at the Hollywood Women's Club in 1948," Dr. Frees said.

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# Docs here check on Red infiltration

Members of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. have been secretly checking on fellow doctors suspected of Communist leanings, the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities was told here yesterday. The doctors' unofficial counter-espionage work came out in testimony at the opening session of the five-day hearing by Sen. Hugh Burns' committee investigating Red infiltration into the medical profession.

Dr. J. Philip Sampson, president of the LACMA, led off testimony from what Burns termed five "friendly" witnesses, by telling the senators his organization welcomed their investigation.

He said his group first invited Burns' committee to look into his membership in a letter written last year.

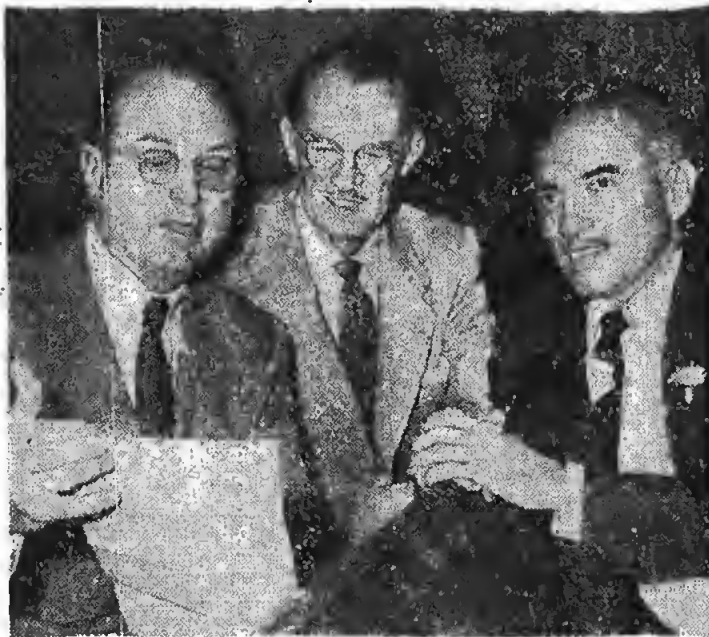
"WE LEARNED that the medical profession was a prime target of the Communist conspiracy and resolved to clean our skirts and expose them so that the public might know who they were," Sampson said.

On June 1, 1953, the association adopted a resolution, he said, declaring Communist Party membership incompatible with ethics of the medical profession.

It proposes submitting a constitutional amendment to the membership which would require a loyalty oath for membership in the association, he reported.

**UNDER questioning by Atty. Richard Combs, Sampson identified 14 of 16 "unfriendly" witnesses before a 1952 House congressional investigation as members of his organization.**

Dr. Ewing L. Turner, president-elect of the group, told the committee that officers of the organization have been taking loyalty oaths for three years and that he personally advocated that all pro-



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**DOCTORS TOLD OF COUNTER-ESPIONAGE WORK**  
(L-R) Drs. J. Philip Sampson, Ewing L. Turner, Joseph de los Reyes

fessional groups make identical demands on their executives.

Dr. Joseph de los Reyes, who said he was called the "Joe McCarthy of the medical profession in Los Angeles County," testified that he first became aware that the medical profession was singled out for Communist infiltration in 1936.

**THE WITNESS said at that time he was approached to join the Abraham Lincoln Brigade fighting the Communist cause in Spain.**

De los Reyes, born in Cuba, said he had never noticed any discrimination because of race, creed or color by the medical association.

He said he attended meetings of the Arts, Science and Professions Council and the National Lawyers Guild here in 1951 at which one of the "unfriendly" witnesses, a member of his association, urged those memberships to protest alleged discriminations

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## Docs check on Commies

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in Los Angeles hospitals.

That witness, he said, was Dr. Thomas Perry Jr.

**THE FINAL** witness yesterday was Dr. Chester Roberts of Glendale who said he attended a meeting and made notes of talks given by three former members of the Cedars of Lebanon hospital medical staff protesting their removal in 1952.

The doctors were Alexander Pennes, Murray Abowitz and Richard Lippman, Dr. Roberts said. He said they described their removal from the staff as an example of persecution and likened it to conditions in Germany under Hitler.

Combs identified Dr. Pennes as one of the "unfriendly" witnesses who stood on the Fifth Amendment during the 1952 congressional investigation here.

The hearings continue today at the State Building.

# Deans to Tell Red Doctors

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Deans of local medical colleges today were to tell the State Senate Un-American Committee how Communists were purged from teaching staffs as the committee widened its probe of Communist infiltration into medical groups.

Dr. Warren Stafford, dean of the College of Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles, was scheduled to be one of the 10 witnesses to testify today.

The 10 all were to be "friendly witnesses," but most of the other 50 witnesses subpoenaed for sessions tomorrow and Thursday will be "hostile," it was expected.

Details of the long battle by the County Medical Association to prevent Communists or Communist sympathizers from seizing control of the association were related by several of the first witnesses.

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The name of Dr. Fritchman, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, has been mentioned frequently in Congressional Committees reports.

Dr. Roberts said he was surprised to hear the Rev. G. L. Hays propose to the 1000 persons at the dinner that Dr. Fritchman "would be a suitable man to be president of the United States."

Members of the Senate Committee said that the Community Medical Center now is under scrutiny because of its "political activities" and will feature testimony of later witnesses.

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He said that two front groups whose meetings he attended were the National Lawyers Guild and the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council. The National Lawyers Guild meetings was held in 1951 and the principal speaker was Dr. Perry, the witness said.

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#### PARTY LINE

Dr. Alesen described this association as one "whose whole tone follows the Communist Party line."

He identified the Civil Rights Congress, the International Workers Order, and the medical division of the Arts, Sciences and Professional Council as Communist front groups still active.

Dr. Alesen described three doctors who were dropped from the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital staff as "certainly radical."

Other witnesses said that on Feb. 25, 1952 in Larchmont Hall Dr. Abowitz, Dr. Richard Lippman and Dr. Pennes deplored the hospital action and boasted that the hospital had been swamped with protests.

# UCLA Dean Testifies on Medic 'Reds'

A State Senate Un-American Activities Committee investigating communist infiltration into the medical profession today was to hear Dr. Warren Stafford, dean of the UCLA College of Medicine, as one of 10 witnesses slated to appear at the second day of the committee's five-day hearing.

At the first day's session Dr. J. Philip Sampson, president of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn., told the committee that doctor members had been "policing" meetings of suspected Red tinged or Red "front" meetings since 1950.

Sampson told the senators, headed by Hugh Burns, of Fresno, that "since 1949 the medical profession has been increasingly aware that it was the No. 1 target for communist infiltration all over the United States, and particularly in Southern California."

## INFLUENCE CITED

A past president of the medical association, Dr. Louis A. Aleson, testified that in 1949 communists were able to sway 18 to 20 per cent of the membership in Los Angeles.

Another physician, Dr. Chester L. Roberts, former president of the Glendale branch of the association, told of attending an allegedly Red-tinged meeting of the "Committee for Medical Freedom" at which three physicians were speakers.

The speakers, Drs. Murray Abowitz, Alexander Pennes and Richard Lippman, were dropped from the staff of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, assertedly for political reasons, early last year.

Roberts testified that the speakers urged an audience of 400 to 500 to join in bringing pressure against hospitals "discriminating against minorities."

## 16 NAMES READ

Committee Chief Counsel Richard E. Combs said later that he would "show through sworn testimony of former communists that (the Committee for Medical Freedom) was created for the Communist Party by communists."

Taking the stand, Dr. Sampson read a list of 16 Los Angeles physicians who, he said, pleaded the Fifth Amendment when asked about communist affiliations by the House Un-American Activities Committee. He said that all but two are members of the County Medical Assn.

The list included:

Drs. Pennes, Abowitz, Joseph Hittleman, Simson Marcus, Morris Feder, Harold Koppelman, Jack Nedelman, Milton Lester, Sam Sperling, Walter Kempler, Jacob Druckman, Gordon Rosenbloom, Frederick Reynolds, Oscar Elkins and Omar Barker.

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## Meetings of Leftists Told by Physician

Doctors of Los Angeles County were described as prime targets for Communist infiltration yesterday at a hearing of the State Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in the State Building.

Top ranking officials of the Los Angeles County Medical Association told how the Reds began by attempting to get medical students and interns to join the Communist Party and continued with efforts to influence elections in the association.

Sen. Hugh M. Burns, chairman, and Sens. John F. McCarthy and John F. Thompson learned that the Communists' favorite propaganda themes were charges of racial discrimination in hospitals and suggestions for court suits against asserted segregation.

### Approached in 1936

Dr. Joseph M. de los Reyes of Glendale, vice-president of the County Medical Association, said he was first approached in 1936 by Reds who in a subtle way wanted him to join their Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the Spanish Civil War.

He refused. Later as chairman of the county association's indoctrination committee he secretly attended Red front meetings in Los Angeles.

### Describes Meeting

He described some of them. At a National Lawyers Guild luncheon at the Clark July 31, 1951, he heard Dr. Thomas L. Perry Jr. make charges of hospital discrimination against race groups. Dr. Perry subsequently relied on the Fifth Amendment in refusing to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Richard E. Combs, State Senate committee counsel, asked, "Did you attend any other meetings of Communist fronts?"

Dr. de los Reyes next described one held by the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council honoring Negro doctors two years ago at the First Unitarian Church.

"Is that Dr. Stephen Fritchman's church?" asked Combs.

"Yes," Dr. de los Reyes continued. "Dr. Murray Abowitz was presiding officer and Dr. Thomas Perry was also present."

### Lawsuits Suggested

Dr. Abowitz is one of the three physicians who later were expelled by the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital after two of them refused to answer House committee questions.

Dr. de los Reyes said that at the church meeting the speakers urged that tax exemptions for hospitals which discriminate be barred and

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that pressure be put upon the Community Chest to refuse such hospitals assistance. Lawsuits also were suggested.

Dr. de los Reyes said the Negro physicians were urged to "play up discrimination" in every possible way. He then told the committee that in contrast he has practiced in 12 hospitals here—Catholic, Jewish and Protestant—without seeing any discrimination because of race, color or creed.

Because of his crusade against the Reds he has become known as the "Sen. McCarthy of the medical profession," he said.

**Attended Meetings**

Dr. Chester L. Roberts, former president and former secretary-treasurer of the Glendale branch of the County Medical Association, testified how he and Dr. Marden Alsberg attended meetings so they could report to the association.

At one meeting, held Feb. 25, 1952, in Larchmont Hall, Dr. Abowitz, Dr. Richard W. Lippman and Dr. Alexander E. Pennes deplored their missals from Cedars of Lebanon. They boasted the hospital was swamped with protests.

This meeting was sponsored by a "Committee for Medical Freedom" and Drs. Lippman, Abowitz and Pennes were compared with Socrates and Galileo.

At a testimonial dinner for Dr. Stephen H. Fritchman held at the Park Manor, April 10, 1954, Dr. Roberts said he was shocked by gibes against the government and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Name Listed**

Dr. Fritchman, besides being pastor of the First Unitarian Church, is president of the Community Medical Foundation, which operates the Community Medical Center. His name has been listed repeatedly in reports of State and Federal committees investigating Red fronts.

Dr. Roberts said he was surprised to hear the Rev. G. L. Hays propose to the dinner throng of 1000 that Dr. Fritchman would be a "suitable man for President of the United States."

**Foster Statement**

Combs opened the hearing by reading a published statement of William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party in the United States, published in September, 1938, in *The Communist*, the party's official organ.

This statement told how doctors, dentists, lawyers, engineers, teachers, actors and other professional members entering the Communist Party deserved "special attention." Teachers would be expected to write new texts and doctors to introduce new methods to pave the way for

an ultimate revolution. In another article Foster wrote that the American Medical Association was "narrow" and "reactionary."

Dr. John Phillip Sampson, president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, testified that the council of his association unanimously adopted a resolution June 1, 1953, saying that membership in the Communist Party is incompatible with membership in the medical association.

#### Probe Asked

Dr. Sampson also quoted letters of a year ago in which the medical association asked the State Senate committee to investigate the infiltration into the medical profession of men of questionable loyalty to the United States.

Dr. Sampson made no bones about his own loyalty. When Combs, in his routine method with all witnesses, asked the \$64 question ("Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?") the association president snapped, "Hell no!"

He said the profession looked with grave concern upon the three doctors whom Cedars of Lebanon Hospital expelled after two of them refused to answer questions of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

#### Knew All but Two

Dr. Sampson said he knew all but two of the 16 Los Angeles County doctors who invoked the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer House committee questions in 1952.

He said his association called upon the State committee to investigate the profession so it could clean its skirts and expose any Communists.

Dr. Ewing L. Turner, secretary-treasurer of the County Medical Association and its president-elect for next year, said he is quite sure a great majority of its 6200 doctors are good American citizens but he has had numerous calls from persons "worried" about individuals or certain groups.

A year ago the association considered changes in bylaws which included a proposal for a loyalty oath as a prerequisite for membership.

"One letter complaining of the changes had 50 signatures," Dr. Turner said, and then he emphasized that the change involving the loyalty oath was paramount in interest.

Dr. Lewis A. Alesen, a surgeon, described the Association of Interns and Medical Students as an organization whose "whole tone follows the Communist Party line."

#### Headed Association

In 1944 Dr. Alesen was president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and in 1952-53 he was president of the California Medical Association.

He recalled that the Association of Interns and Medical

Students had a chapter at the University of Southern California some years ago.

He quoted from a booklet, "Leftist Minority Woos Future Doctors," describing propagandizing work of the AIMS.

Combs made it clear that the AIMS chapter no longer exists at SC but was "eradicated by the administration itself."

#### Groups Named

Dr. Alesen identified the Civil Rights Congress, the International Workers Order and the medical division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council as Communist front organizations still active.

He recalled one association election in which "liberal" leaders of a minority engineered polling of 18% to 20% of the votes cast. He did not recognize any of these leaders as Communist Party members, however.

He described the three doctors expelled from Cedars of Lebanon as "certainly radical."

#### Hearing to Continue

The hearing will continue at 9:30 a.m. today in the State Building and will continue through Friday.

Nearly 60 witnesses have been subpoenaed, including deans of the UCLA School of

Medicine and the College of Medical Evangelists, many

doctors, at least one former Communist Party member who will be a "friendly wit-

ness," many "hostile witnesses" who may refuse to testify

and one undercover agent who has been investigating Communism in the medical profession for two years.

# UCLA Dean Hits at Reds in Medicine

## Dr. Warren Wants Communists Out as Defense Measure

Dr. Stafford L. Warren, the UCLA Medical School dean who was a key figure in development of the atomic bomb, yesterday warned that Communist infiltration of the medical profession must be blocked as a vital factor in national defense.

Dr. Warren testified at a State Senate hearing at which Dr. Sidney M. Kolodny told how he quit the staff of the Community Medical Center here because he didn't like its pro-Communist leanings.

This center, now situated at 1236 S Lake St. and formerly at 5501 S Broadway, is operated by the Community Medical Foundation, whose president is the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman. Mr. Fritchman, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, has been castigated in the past by Rep. Donald Jackson of the House Un-American Activities Committee as a man who has aided the Communist cause from coast to coast for many years.

### Warns on Methods

Dr. Warren testified that any Communists in the medical profession can be "very dangerous" because they can transfer information to the enemy which would "give away our methods of defense."

"That is just as vital as giving away our attack," said the man who was chief medical officer of the Manhattan District during World War II development of the A-bomb.

"Furthermore," he testified, "in case of attack we would

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# RED HEARING

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be just as vulnerable to sabotage from within."

Dr. Warren holds top posts in radiological work in the State and national civil defense setups. He said that in the atom bomb program the medical men were documented thoroughly and the FBI today screens men on the medical and radiological committees.

## Asked About Staff

Dr. Kolodny, an obstetrician and gynecologist, said he was on the staff of the Community Medical Center from November, 1947, to November, 1953.

Sen. Hugh M. Burns, chairman of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, and Sens. John F. McCarthy and John F. Thompson, watched intently as Counsel Richard E. Combs asked:

"Did you form any opinion of the political sentiments of the staff?"

"Most were sympathetic toward left-wing organizations," Dr. Kolodny answered.

## Asked to Sign Petitions

"By left-wing do you include the Communist Party?" "Yes."

Dr. Kolodny explained it was common to see copies of

the Peoples Daily World, Communist newspaper, lying about.

"Were you asked to sign petitions?"

"Yes—in favor of the Rosenbergs and to reinstate the three doctors expelled from Cedars of Lebanon Hospital and against the deportation of Harry Bridges," Dr. Kolodny testified.

He quit the Community Medical Center mainly because of its political tone, he said.

## Dean Gives Warning

Dr. Walter E. Macpherson, dean of the School of Medicine of the College of Medical Evangelists, testified that any Red attempts to infiltrate the medical profession would be detrimental.

Atty. George W. Nilsson, member of the American Bar

Association's standing committee on American citizenship, told how the ABA expels Communists or anyone advocating Marxism - Leninism.

"President Loyd Wright asked me to congratulate the Los Angeles County Medical Association on its action to expel from its membership all Communists or any member who follows the Communist Party line," Nilsson said.

## Caused Disturbance

Dr. E. Vincent Askey, vice-speaker of the American Medical Association's House of Delegates and past president of both the California and Los Angeles County Medical Associations, testified of past contacts with left-wing groups.

Dr. Askey told the committee that when he was president of the Board of Educa-

tion in 1940-41 the Workers Alliance, a union of some unemployed and persons on relief, caused such constant disturbance at board meetings that once the alliance president had to be evicted.

"Harry Bridges requested the use of one high school for a speech and I protested vigorously," Dr. Askey said.

"I was told by a Workers Alliance member that I would be the second man to be put against a fence and shot."

## Hadn't Planned to Run

Dr. Askey said he hadn't planned to run for the board again but decided to face any opposition and was elected by his greatest majority. (He served on the board from 1937 through 1943.)

Combs pointed out that Alexander Noral, who headed the Workers Alliance, ran on

the Presidential electoral slate in 1940 as an avowed Communist.

Dr. Askey has just returned from the American Medical Association convention in Miami. He said a committee there did not support a proposal to deny AMA membership to doctors who have been ruled poor security risks for military duty.

## Demand Support

The committee felt any constitutional change should apply to all doctors and was unnecessary, he explained, because AMA tenets and ethics already demand support of the nation and oppose subversion.

Asked by Combs if he felt the Communist threat continues, Dr. Askey said:

"I think it is very, very

dangerous. I fear they have gone under cover more."

He explained the medical profession is confident that the great majority of doctors are loyal, as proved by their peacetime and war records. It believes in no "witch hunt" but it asked for the California investigation.

Dr. Eugene F. Hoffman, member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association Council and a California delegate to the AMA convention, described apprehension over Communism in the medical profession in this county since 1948.

## Eyes Opened in 1949

He told of the furor over a loyalty oath, now required of all new members and all new officers of the county association.

Dr. Ben Frees, president of

the County Medical Association in 1949 and now chairman of its trustees, said his "eyes were opened" in May, 1949, when he saw a circular letter signed by a large number of doctors.

This invited doctors to attend a meeting in the Hollywood Women's Club. It was sponsored by an "Emergency Medical Committee for Defense of Professional Licensure." At the meeting, speakers stormed against the loyalty oath.

Later that year, in November, two doctors who had been prominent at the May meeting were nominated for the County Medical Association's Council, or policy-making body, at an association meeting. Literature support-

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# Dean Warren Warns on Reds in Medicine

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ing them was passed around the floor.

## Serious Problem

"This indicated to you a pattern of infiltration?" asked Combs.

"It indicated to me a problem far more serious than I thought," replied Dr. Frees. "Practically 20% of our membership voted for these two men."

Dr. Nathaniel Bercovitz of Pasadena told how he saw Communism grow in China. He was superintendent and chief surgeon of the American Presbyterian Hospital on Hainan, South China.

## Movement Gains

"In 1915 there were no Communists but the Russian revolution began in 1917," he said. "By 1921 the Communist Party of China was organized and it swept so quickly that by 1922 it reached the island of Hainan."

"By 1925 they almost took over China and we had to get out a couple of times by order of the American government because of the disorders."

Dr. Bercovitz credited Gen. Chiang Kai-shek for stemming the tide but said the Communists hid in the jungles. Another wave swept the nation in 1948 and 1949. By April, 1950, it made the final conquest of Hainan.

## Held 35 Months

A reign of terror swept them as Dr. Bercovitz and his wife were placed under "house arrest" in their hospital and held there 35 months.

They learned to their amazement that Red agents had been working undercover in their hospital for years.

An enthusiastic man who sang in the choir had been a Communist for "at least a dozen years." A woman deaconess in the church had been a Red agent 18 years.

Dr. Bercovitz saw their attitudes change overnight when they found Communists "in the saddle."

Red leaders took charge of the hospital and froze the staff for duties at government-fixed salaries.

Indoctrination in Communist ideologies was intense. The 125 employees of the hospital were forced to read books, attend lectures on Communism day after day and pass examinations.

## Favorite Hour

At night the intimidation continued. "You never knew when the secret police would come to arrest you. A favorite hour was 2 a.m. Several were taken away and never heard from again."

"Suppose you were a notorious anti-Communist and needed an appendectomy?" asked Combs.

"Probably you would never get that far," Dr. Bercovitz said. "The total number of people executed will never be known."

## Seized Control

The surgeon said he doubts if more than 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 of China's population of more than 500,000,000 are Communists, but the minority seized control of the army and the government.

Combs asked about his

travels and studies in other nations.

"I think the pattern is the same everywhere," Dr. Bercovitz said, "and if they were to come here it would be the same thing."

Atty. William B. Esterman announced in Altadena that he was telegraphing Sen. Burns that the Burns committee is using "hit-and-run tactics" and "we resent emphatically this illegal attempt on your part to interfere with our right to have physicians of our own choosing."

The message bore the names of Esterman and his wife and 13 other persons.

The appearance of one scheduled witness at the hearing, Dr. Jack Flasher, was postponed until today at the

request of his attorney, Daniel G. Marshall.

The hearing will resume in the State Building Assembly

Room at 9:30 a.m., with both friendly and "hostile" witnesses expected by Counsel Combs.

## State Senate Probe

# Open Quiz On Reds In Medics

Inner-workings of Communist conspirators who tried to worm their way into positions of power in the County Medical Association were to be described today as the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities opened a five-day hearing in the State Building.

Committee investigators have worked for the last year to weed out the facts of the Red conspiracy, according to Chairman Hugh M. Burns of Fresno, who said more than 60 doctors and nurses have been called under subpoena.

Some of these include top Los Angeles physicians who will tell how they fought to keep the Communists from working into positions of power in the County Medical Association, it was said.

## SCORE NAMED

In addition to Burns, members of the committee include Senators Nathan F. Coombs, of Napa; Earl D. Desmond, of Sacramento; Nelson S. Dilworth, of Hemet, and John F. McCarthy, of Marin county.

The current probe actually had its beginnings two years ago when a House Committee on Un-American Activities met here.

Then nearly a score of physicians were named as Reds in testimony by "friendly" witnesses Dr. Louise Light and Dr. Samuel Reznick.

## AIMED AT STAFFS

The committee's investigators learned that Communists tried to get into the medical profession through colleges and hospital staffs to gain prestige for themselves and thereby influence and convert others.

Several organizations alleged to have Communist front records are being investigated in the present hearings, including the Association of Interns and Medical Students, which recruited its members from medical schools.

Chief Counsel Richard E. Combs has been in Los Angeles since last week making arrangements for the hearings, which will be held in the State Building Assembly Hall.

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# MEDICOS BEAT REDS, QUIZ TOLD

A week-long inquiry into alleged Communist attempts to infiltrate the medical profession got under way today in the State Building.

Dr. J. Phillip Sampson, president of the County Medical Association, the first witness, flatly charged that the Communists tried and failed to elect their own slate of officers to the association in recent years.

"For some time now we have realized that the medical profession has been a specific target of the Communist Party, not through mass infiltration but by a highly selective group," Dr. Sampson said.

"The doctors and the asso-

ciation, so far, have 'kept their own skirts clean,'" he said.

Dr. Sampson said he knew 15 doctors in this area who have refused to testify before Federal Un-American committees.

State Sen. Hugh M. Burns, chairman of the State Senate Un-American Activities Com-

mission, and Chief Counsel Richard Combs have issued more than 60 subpoenas for doctors and nurses.

Staff members said co-operative witnesses would be heard today and tomorrow and "reluctant or unfriendly" witnesses on Wednesday and Thursday.

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## Burns probes L.A. doctors' political ties

Political background of Los Angeles area doctors will be investigated by the California State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities in hearings here Wednesday and Thursday.

THE STATE committee is under the leadership of State Sen. Hugh M. Burns, who said he is holding the investigation at the request of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn., which last year adopted a resolution saying that membership in the Communist Party is incompatible with membership in the County Medical Assn.

The committee reportedly has subpoenaed more than 20 doctors, said to consist mainly of names from a list supplied the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington on Jan. 21, 1952, in an ex-Communist's testimony.

At that time, Dr. Louise E. Light, a Los Angeles osteopath and admitted ex-Red who quit the party in 1945, gave the names of doctors she said were members of the party in 1939 and 1940—she didn't know if they might still be members.

The upcoming hearing here coincides with plans of the California State Medical Society to introduce a bill in the State Legislature to take away the licenses of all doctors who do not cooperate with the State Senate committee.

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# REDS' PLOT TO RULE L. A. DOCTORS TOLD

Quiz Hears How County Group  
Policed 'Tinged' Fronts

Five years of battle by Los Angeles physicians against a "concerted effort by the Communist Party" to infiltrate the Los Angeles County Medical Association were revealed at the State Building yesterday.

Disclosures came as the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee opened an investigation of Red infiltration of the medical profession here which is expected to continue for 10 days.

Dr. J. Philip Sampson, association president, told the committee headed by Sen. Hugh Burns of Fresno that doctor members have been "policing" suspected Red-tinged or Red "front" meetings since 1950.

## AWARE IN 1949—

Asked by Richards E. Combs, committee chief counsel, to date the doctors' "inception of concern" over subversive activities, Dr. Sampson said:

"Since 1949 the medical profession has been increasingly aware that it was the No. 1 target for Communist infiltration all over the United States, and particularly in Southern California. That is

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# Red Plot to Hit L.A. Hospitals Told Probers



DR. J. PHILIP SAMPSON  
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why we requested this investigation (December 15, 1953)."

Dr. Louis A. Alesen, a past president of the association and also of the California Medical Association, testified that in 1949 Communists were able to sway 18 to 20 per cent of the membership here.

"In that year they made a concerted attempt to elect councillors (the governing body) of the Los Angeles Medical Association," he said. "With what success?"

Combs inquired.

"They polled 18 to 20 per cent of the total vote cast," Dr. Alesen said. "This was a solid group."

Dr. Chester L. Roberts, former president of the association's Glendale branch, was one of the witnesses describing allegedly Red-tinged meetings.



DR. LOUIS A. ALESEN  
—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

the audience they were identified as Communists before the House Committee on Un-

## ATTENDS MEET

He told of attending a February 5, 1952, meeting of the "Committee for Medical Freedom" at 118 North Larchmont boulevard at which Drs. Murray Abowitz, Alexander Pennes and Richard Lippman were speakers.

(The three physicians were dropped from the staff of Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, assertedly for political reasons, early in 1953.)

Dr. Roberts said the audience of 400 or 500 was urged to join in bringing pressure against hospitals "discriminating against minorities," and Combs inquired:

"Did Dr. Abowitz, Dr. Pennes and Dr. Lippman tell

American Activities in 1952?" "They did not," Dr. Roberts returned.

Combs said outside the hearing that "we will show through sworn testimony of former Communists that (the Committee for Medical Freedom) was created for the Communist Party by Communists."

Another witness was Dr. Joseph De los Reyes, an association vice president and councillor, who told of attending two meetings at which the principal purpose appeared to be blueprinting means of attacking local hospitals for asserted racial discriminations and harassing them with lawsuits.

Concerning one session, held in the First Unitarian Church under sponsorship of the medical division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council, Dr. De los Reyes said:

"Dr. Abowitz presided and Dr. Thomas Perry spoke. Breach of contract suits were

explained, and discussion took place as to how to put pressure on the Community Chest to withhold funds from hospitals."

Dr. De los Reyes told of attending a July 1, 1951, meeting of the National Lawyers' Guild Los Angeles Chapter, at which, he said, Dr. Perry spoke, and discussion centered on pressure.

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# Fifth Amendment Men L.A. Medics, Quiz Told

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ing the Community Chest to re-  
fuse funds to hospitals accused  
of discrimination against mi-  
norities.

"It was exactly the same  
thing you will find anywhere  
at a Communist meeting,"  
the doctor said. "I came to  
the conclusion that these or-  
ganizations were inimical to  
the welfare of America and  
part and parcel of the Com-  
munist conspiracy."

In response to questions by  
Coombs several of the witnes-  
ses said they were concerned  
over Communist activity in the  
medical profession in view of  
the inherent — and proper —  
secrecy of the doctor-patient  
relationship.

Coombs inferred that the re-  
lationship could be perverted  
to lend cover and concealment  
to Communist plotters.

Dr. Ewing L. Turner, who  
will take office as president of  
the association January 1, told  
of the strenuous opposition  
which developed in 1953 when  
the group sought to amend by-  
laws to require loyalty oaths  
of new members.

The measure finally passed  
by a majority of only two to  
one, he testified, adding that  
the oaths were required of of-  
ficers, but could not be de-  
manded retroactively of the  
membership.

With Dr. Sampson on the wit-  
ness stand, Coombs read names  
of 16 Los Angeles physicians,  
who, he said, pleaded the Fifth  
Amendment when asked about  
Communist affiliations by the  
House Committee on Un-Ameri-  
can Activities. The list include:

Drs. Pennes, Abowitz, Perry,  
Joseph Hittleman, Simson Mar-  
cus, Morris Feder, Harold Kop-



DR. EWING L. TURNER  
—Los Angeles Examiner photo.



DR. JOSEPH DE LOS  
REYES  
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pelman, Jack Nedelman, Milton  
Lester, Sam Sperling, Walter  
Kempler, Jacob Druckman, Gor-  
don Rosenbloom, Frederick  
Reynolds, Oscar Elkins and  
Onar Barker.

Dr. Sampson said that all but  
two are members of the County  
Medical Association.

Asked whether he, himself,  
is or ever was a member of the

Communist Party, the doctor  
exploded:

"H—, no!"

Other committeemen hearing  
testimony are Sen. John F.  
Thompson of San Jose and Sen.  
John F. McCarthy of San Ja-  
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The hearing will resume at  
9:30 a. m. today.

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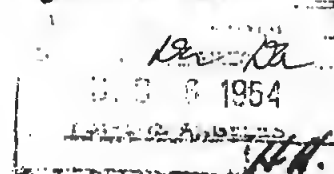
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## Launch Investigation of Red Doctors Monday

# Probe Commie Medics

By NORMAN JACOBY

A full scale investigation of Communist attempts to infiltrate the medical profession will be launched Monday by the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on

Un-American Activities, it was learned exclusively today by the Evening Herald and Express.

Top flight Los Angeles physicians were expected to tell how they battled to keep Reds from gaining positions of power in the County Medical Association, and to remove them from hospital staffs and college faculties.

The hearings will last at least five days and will be held in the State Building assembly hall.

Chief Counsel Richard E. Combs, it was discovered, was in Los Angeles to arrange the sessions, but was unavailable for comment. The committee hearings will be chaired by Senator Hugh M. Burns of Fresno. Other committee members are Senators Nathan F. Coombs, Napa; Earl D. Desmond, Sacramento; Nelson S. Dilworth, Hemet, and John F. McCarthy, Marin County.

### EYE 5 ORGANIZATIONS

At least five organizations sponsored by physicians who have been named in previous hearings as Communist party members or who have long records of Communist front activities will be scrutinized by the committee.

One of the organizations expected to be named is the Association of Interns and Medical Students which recruited membership on college campuses. This group previously was cited in official

reports as a Communist front organization.

First indications of Communists in the medical field in the Southern California area came two years ago during the hearings by the House of Representatives' Committee on Un-American Activities.

At that time two "friendly" witnesses named nearly a score of physicians as Reds in their

testimony. The friendly witnesses were Dr. Louise Light and Dr. Samuel Reznick.

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**New Witnesses**  
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**Face Red Probe**  
**of L.A. Doctors**

Investigators for the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee were slated to testify before the group's hearing on alleged Communist infiltration of the Los Angeles medical profession.

The hearing is being held in Room 709 of the State Building.

Seven more "unfriendly" witnesses yesterday defied the committee by refusing to testify.

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## Six Groups Named at Red Quiz

The California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities today rang down the curtain on its week-long investigation into communists in the medical profession with testimony by Mrs. Ruth Drader, Glendale X-ray technician, who was a counter-spy for the FBI.

Dr. Marden Alsberge, Glendale physician and former Army counter-intelligence officer in Europe, also testified at today's final session.

Names of six organizations were mentioned for the first time as "Red Front" groups by Mrs. Drader in her concluding testimony. They were the Southern California Peace Crusade, Women for Legislative Action, Arts, Science and Professional Council, Med-Division, Los Angeles Committee for Justice for the Rosenbergs, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedom and the Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born Americans.

Yesterday Mrs. Drader had told of attending more than 125 meetings and, aided by a "tabbed" card file and hundreds of pages of notes, named Hollywood personalities, professors, lawyers, doctors, teachers and preachers as participants.

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# Claim Reds in UCLA Atom Lab

BY JOHN GROVER  
Mirror Staff Writer

Penetration of the medical profession by Communists endangers all U.S. atomic secrets, and left-wing operatives already have penetrated the Atomic Energy Commission research laboratories at UCLA, a startled State Senate Un-American Activities Committee was told by two witnesses today.

Dr. Marden Alberg, a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Medical Corps during the war and connected with the intelligence services, declared that the medical profession must necessarily be privy to atomic secrets through devising techniques to protect the research workers on advanced research projects.

Furthermore, in time of war, the medical officers with fighting units also are cognizant of the most secret plans.

"I was the medical officer attached to an advance combat unit raiding behind enemy lines, and I know," Dr. Alberg testified, "A medical officer must know, to prepare for

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casualties, that the operational plans are.

Dr. Alberg's testimony about the sensitive and dangerous responsibilities of doctors followed testimony by Mrs. Ruth Drader, an X-ray technician who posed as a fellow traveler for four years. Mrs. Drader joined such officially branded subversive groups as the Arts, Science and Professions Council. She rose to the executive committee of this group.

Mrs. Drader testified that at one ASPC meeting, she had heard another member, named as one Eugenia Wolfson, remark that she had succeeded in being allowed to work in the UCLA atomic radiation research laboratories.

"Of course she would have relayed anything she found there to the ASPC for use in their so-called 'peace' campaigns," Mrs. Drader said.

Dr. Birchard M. Brundage, who directs the AEC research project at UCLA, said he had not heard the name "Eugenia Wolfson" since he took over the top spot in February, 1950.

"Everyone who works for the AEC, even down to the janitor, is subjected to a security check which takes from two to four months," Dr. Brundage said.

"I would be amazed if anyone with a suspected background could slip in. Certainly we don't hire any person who walks in the door, and those we hire cannot go to work until they are cleared."

Dr. Brundage said he would check personnel records when they are available Monday to determine if the Wolfson woman actually was employed on the AEC project.

Mrs. Drader, summing up her four-year pose as a fellow traveler, said that every aim of the ASPC and allied left-wing groups was to aid Communist policy, and to subvert U.S. policy aims.

Dr. Alberg said he volunteered for active duty in 1940 in advance of the war because of his intense hatred for Hitler's Nazi policies. He asserted he returned home after five years' service to find his own profession being invaded by "a far deeper and far more insidious penetration into American life."

He became deeply dedicated to preventing the penetration of the medical profession in Los Angeles by the Reds, he said, and to that end began his own investigation of their tactics and techniques.

Dr. Alberg said he had pursued his investigation alone until he had developed concrete facts that warranted taking his findings to the Los Angeles County Medical Association. It was upon the basis of these findings that the LACMA asked the State Senate committee to conduct the present investigation, which ended today.

Sen. Hugh Btrns, chairman of the committee, declared the evidence adduced at the week-long sessions had "shown conclusively that there has been a deep and serious penetration of the 'health team' of California, and particularly of Los Angeles, by subversive interests."

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# Medics Either Hit Quiz or Reply 'No Comment'

Immediately after they were named as Communist Party members by witnesses before the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee, efforts were made by the Examiner to get statements from the 23 medical doctors, two osteopaths, three dentists and an optometrist so listed.

Those who answered were:

Dr. Walter Kempler of 8215 Beverly boulevard—"I think the real motives of the medical association in intimidating the doctors should be looked into."

Dr. Frederick G. Reynolds, of 6333 Wilshire boulevard—"No comment on the accusation of Dr. Barker. My statement on the hearing is simple. I think medicine should treat hysteria and not create it. I also think politics has no business in medicine."

Dr. Joseph Hittelman, of 8317 Wilshire boulevard—"Very anxious to again comment on the AMA as a two-headed Hy-drox, one head a benign countenance of Escalatus, the other a cigar-chewing lobbyist in Washington. The hearing is to prevent any democratic opinions to be expressed within the AMA."

Dr. Jack Nedelman, osteopath of 18669 Ventura boulevard, Tarzana—"No comment."

Dr. H. Louis Schonfield, dentist of 8150 Beverly boulevard—"No comment. She (Dr. Louise Light) said this before, a couple of years ago. I have nothing more to say."

Dr. P. Price Cobbs of 2624 1/2 South Central avenue—"I don't know anything about it, and I don't know her. (Mrs. Ruth Drader). There are several other doctors named Cobb."

Dr. Murray Abowitz of 6338

Wilshire boulevard—"I have for many years fought for national pre-paid health insurance, and against racial discrimination in hospitals. The Stone Age economists in the AMA regard such ideas as subversive, which is why I was named today."

Dr. Edward Goodlaw, optometrist of 210 West Seventh street—"The accusation is the typical mudslinging that precedes the attempt to substitute political standards for professional qualifications."

Dr. Oscar Elkins, 9885 Charlevale drive, Beverly Hills—"No comment."

Dr. Franklin Bissell, 1315 East Main street, Alhambra—"I don't care to make a comment on it."

Dr. Jack Flasher, Santa Monica physician—"The thing is a complete falsehood. I don't think I've ever met this woman (Mrs. Ruth Drader) in my life. In any case the information she gave is completely false."

Dr. Simson Marcus, 7807 Beverly boulevard—"I have nothing to say to you."

Dr. Alexander Pennes, of 9260 Monte Mar drive—"Dr. Louise Light Silver is a disgruntled osteopathic physician. I wouldn't particularly be interested in answering any of her allegations. The most significant thing is the practice of medicine, and the quality of care has nothing to do with anyone's political ideas."

Dr. Max Schoen, Wilmington dentist—"Such stuff requires, on my part, no comment."

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# Infiltration of medicine by Reds told

The State Senate Un-American Activities Committee yesterday produced a beautiful, brunet counter-espionage agent who for four years has been gathering information on Communist infiltration in the Los Angeles medical profession.

She is Mrs. Ruth Drader, 35-year-old Glendale X-ray technician, who has been known as "Jane Dawson" to local Communists and their friends. Her investigations resulted in long lists of names, dates and places which were put into the committee hearing record during yesterday's testimony.

**DURING MRS. Drader's** four-year stint as a "fellow traveler" she rose to membership on the executive board of the medical division of the Arts, Sciences and Professional Council of Los Angeles.

Dozens of the council's members have been identified as Communists and many have declined to acknowledge membership on the grounds of possible incrimination.

Local Reds got another jolt yesterday when one of their former comrades took the stand to identify them.

Dr. Louise Light Silver, an osteopath practicing in West Los Angeles, said she joined the Communist Party in 1939 and was attached to the medical branch of the party professional section.

"I WAS PRESENT," she testified, "at a Communist Party meeting at which it was decided to establish the Community Medical Center. The center now is located at 1236 S. Lake St., Los Angeles.

"Many of the doctors there are thinking more of the Communist Party and of the Soviet Union than they are of the people they are treating," said Dr. Light, as she is known professionally.

The Communist Party had another medical center built, she said, at 6333 Wilshire Blvd.

**DR. LIGHT** put international implications on Los Angeles medical Communists in describing reactions to the Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact just prior to World War II.

"When that pact was signed," she said, "we were told to set up underground communications centers to relay information to other party groups. Doctors' offices were considered confidential places where messages could be transferred."

She then named 27 persons she said were known by her to be members of the Communist Party with her. Many of them preceded her to the committee witness stand this week and refused to testify on grounds of possible self-incrimination.

**THE PERSONS** named were: Dr. Leo Bigelman, Dr. Franklin Bissell, Dr. Omer Barker, Dr. Jacob Druckman, Dr. Oscar Elkins, Dr. Hyman Engelberg, Dr. Morris Feder, Dr. Wilbert Z. Gordon, Dr. Milton Lester, Dr. Murray Abowitz, Dr. Simpson Marcus, Dr. Alexander Pennes, Dr. Thomas L. Perry Jr., Dr. Frederick Reynolds, Dr. Alexander Riskin, Dr. Gordon Rosenblum, Dr. Samuel Sperling, Dr. Sidney Druckman, Dr. Joseph Hittelman and Dr. Harold Kopelman.

She listed dentists as follows: Dr. Max Schoen, Dr. Max Sosin and Dr. Louis Schonfield.

She rounded out her list with Dr. Jack Nedelman and Dr. Saul

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Matlin, osteopaths: Dr. Edward Goodlaw, optometrist, and Mrs. Bertha Reynolds, wife of Dr. Frederick Reynolds.

**MEDICAL** Communists were in for still another surprise when Dr. Omer Barker, named by Dr. Light, took the stand to admit former party membership and read a list of names himself.

He knew 11 Communist doctors, he said, eight of whom were on Dr. Light's list and in addition there were Dr. Milton Z. Lon-

don, Dr. Walter Kempler and Dr. Light herself.

"A long-time desire to leave the party jelled," Dr. Light testified, "when the Korean war broke out and it was found that the Russians were supplying the North."

Since then, she said, the party has subjected her to abuse and has stationed pickets outside her office to tell her patients "what a horrible person I am."

"The Communists circulated the rumor that I was performing illegal operations in my office," she said.

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# Counterspy Tells 7 New L.A. Red Units



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**THE COUNTERSPY AND THE EVIDENCE**  
Mrs. Ruth Drader, Who Risked Her Life to Get Facts,  
Checks Her Files as She Reveals Red Fronts

Attractive Counter-Spy Ruth Drader testified in dramatic detail today how she risked her life to dig out the facts about Communist-infiltration of the medical profession in Southern California, bringing the inquiry to a sensational climax as the unmasked seven new organizations as Red fronts.

Names of 57 doctors on the medical staff of the Community Medical Center—described yesterday as organized by Communists in testimony of Dr. Louise Light Silver—were placed on the record of Richard E. Combs, committee counsel, as the hearing ended. He said "not all were necessarily Communists but many were duped into joining the staff."

Testifying on the sixth day of the hearing before the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Mrs. Drader revealed that she had been warned against continuing her undercover work three months ago because her life was in danger.

She withdrew from work as the committee's undercover agent, she said, on orders from the committee, adding:

"I was about to be exposed as an agent. On several occasions I was shadowed. I received phone threats against my life. Efforts were made to obtain my license number and my car registration."

Chairman Burns cited Mrs. Drader for "a marvelous job" of observing the activities of local

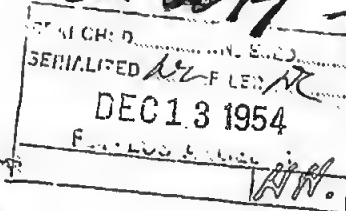


**DR. MARDEN ALSBERGE**  
Tells of Anti-Loyalty Oath  
Talk at Medic Meeting

Communists and their dupes, and said that "the state owes her a great debt of gratitude."

Mrs. Drader, a comely brunette, named five organizations not previously cited as Communist-dominated or influenced—the Southern California Peace Crusade, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Free-

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dom, Women for Legislative Action, the Los Angeles Committee for Justice for the Rosenbergs, the medical division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council, the Negro Labor Council and the Committee for Political Freedom.

She testified that Dr. Marvin Sure, whom she identified as a Communist Party member, tried to find out her purpose in attending meetings of various Red fronts and that Dorothy Marshall, president of the Women for Legislative Action, demanded of her:

"What is your real purpose in coming to our meetings?"

Chairman Hugh Burns also revealed at today's session of the inquiry that an important witness scheduled to testify—the wife of a local physician—was cancelled out temporarily because she informed Burns her testimony would be so voluminous and explorative of a "new area" of investigation that she will be called at a later date.

Another friendly witness, Dr. Marden Alsberge, who said he did military intelligence work during World War II, told of attending meetings, including one of the Emergency Medical Committee for the Defense of Professional Life Insurance, at which plans were discussed to defeat loyalty oath legislation.

"The general tone of the meeting was pro-Communist," said Dr. Alsberge.

During the meeting, Dr. Alsberge said he struggled with Dr. Wilbert Z. Gordon, who chaired the affair, for the microphone. The same Dr. Gordon nominated Dr. Joseph Hittelman when he ran for office in the Los Angeles County Medical Association election in 1949, he testified.

Prof. Fowler V. Harper, Rev. Stephen H. Fritshman of the First Unitarian Church, Actress Gale Sondergaard, Director Herbert Biberman, Actor Victor Kilian, Artist Ted Gillen and Writers John Howard Lawson, Dalton Trumber and Paul Jarrice.

#### GIVES LONG LIST

Mrs. Drader added name after name to the record of persons who were either speakers, sponsors, chairman, ushers, money collectors or persons in attendance at the more-than-a-hundred functions at which she was a secret agent for the committee. They included:

Frank Wilkinson discharged public information director of the City Housing Authority; Joe Joseph, national chairman of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Dr. Richard Lippman, an "unfriendly" witness Thursday; Sara Jo Loni, an "unfriendly" witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1952; Kenneth Hartford, executive director of the Community Medical Center and an "unfriendly" witness before the committee earlier this week.

Attorney Sam Houston Allen, radio commentator Averill Berman, Lecturer Sender Garlin, Publisher Peter Hyun, Editor Diamond Kinn, Pearl Schumann, Attorney Rose Rosenberg, Marguerite Robinson, local head of the Civil Rights Congress, and former federal employees Victor Perlo and Abraham Isserman.

#### NAMES SUPPORTERS

Dr. Alsberge named the following physicians as other sponsors of Dr. Hittelman's candidacy for office in the association:

P. Price Cobbs, Jacob Druckman, Hyman Engelberg, Morris Feder, Simson Marcus, Frederick G. Reynolds and Alexander Riskin.

All but Cobbs were identified in sworn testimony during the hearings as Communists. Dr. Cobbs was a "Fifth Amendment" witness Thursday.

Dr. Alsberge refuted charges of "unfriendly" witnesses that the Community Medical Center was "the only low-cost interracial clinic in Los Angeles."

#### MUCH FREE WORK

"There are 200 clinics which care for people unable to pay part or none of the fees," Dr. Alsberge said. "Doctors charge little or nothing for their services there. Annually, they give 1,700,000 hours in free time at these clinics."

According to his observations here and in Europe, he added, Communism has achieved more dangerous infiltration of American life than the Nazis ever accomplished in Europe.

#### ATOMIC INTEREST

In her testimony, Mrs. Drader also told of how Engenia Wolfson, a member of the executive board of the medical division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council, planned to "go to the Atomic Energy Laboratory at UCLA to get useful information for our peace propaganda campaign."

Phil Kerby, editor of Frontier Magazine was among the speakers at meetings of Women for Legislative Action, Mrs. Drader testified.

She said Daniel G. Marshall, attorney for unfriendly witnesses at many hearings, frequently attended Communist front meetings.

Aided by a "tabbed" card file and hundreds of pages of notes, Mrs. Drader told of attending more than 125 meetings and named as participants Hollywood personalities, professors, lawyers, doctors, teachers and preachers as participants.

#### NAMES NOBEL WINNER

Persons she "tabbed" included Noble prize-winner Linus Pauling, who received his award yesterday in Sweden and Robert M. Hutchins, former chancellor of the University of Chicago and present Ford Foundation director.

Others she said figured in the meetings she covered were Princeton Prof. Hugh Wilson,

# 29 Doctors Here Branded as Reds in State Probe



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tee session here yesterday was provided by appearance of Mrs. Ruth Drader, shown as she revealed she had been a secret agent for the committee for four years. She compiled lists of persons attending subversive meetings.  
—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

Twenty-three Los Angeles medical doctors, two osteopaths, three dentists and an optometrist were identified as Communist Party members before the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee here yesterday.

Three witnesses—a doctor, an osteopathic physician and an X-ray technician—contributed to the list cited at a continuing investigation of Red infiltration of the medical profession here.

Testimony at the State Building climaxed a five-day old public investigation aided by the Los Angeles County Medical Association which asked for the inquiry almost a year ago.

Those named were:

## MEDICAL DOCTORS

Dr. Alexander Riskin.  
Dr. Hyman Engelberg.  
Dr. Harold Koppelman.  
Dr. Milton Z. London.  
Dr. Walter Kempler.  
Dr. Milton Lester.  
Dr. Murray Abowitz.  
Dr. Frederick G. Reynolds.  
Dr. Thomas L. Perry Jr.  
Dr. Leo Bigelman.  
Dr. Franklin Bissell.  
Dr. Jacob Druckman.  
Dr. Oscar Elkins.  
Dr. Morris Feder.  
Dr. Wilbert Z. Gordon.  
Dr. Joseph Hittelman.  
Dr. Simson Marcus.  
Dr. Alexander Pennes.  
Dr. Gordon Rosenbloom.  
Dr. Sam Sperling.  
Dr. Sidney Druckman.  
Dr. Jack Flasher.  
Dr. P. Price Cobbs.

## OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS

Dr. Saul Matlin.  
Dr. Jack Nedelman.  
DENTISTS  
Dr. Max Schoen

Dr. Max Sosin.  
Dr. H. Louis Schonfield.  
OPTOMETRISTS  
Dr. Edward Goodlaw.

Witnesses included two disillusioned former Communists, Dr. Louise Light Silver and Dr. Omer B. Barker, and trim, brunette Mrs. Ruth Drader, who

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## Draft Delay for Holiday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Beginning today, the Army is postponing until after Christmas the induction of draftees who otherwise would go into service during that period.

About 10,000 men will be affected.

However, the Army expects to induct all 23,000 scheduled for the month by increasing the rate from December 27 to 31.

If anyone insists on getting into the Army during the holiday period, that can be arranged. The Army said its recess isn't compulsory.

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**UNDERGROUND** communications system in which patients would act as Communist couriers is described by Dr. Louise Light Silver, osteopathic physician and surgeon, before State Senate committee here. She said such a program was planned by Red party leaders.

—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

and I have had nothing to do with the Communist Party since.

Dr. Silver ended her testimony by identifying a list of medical acquaintances she said she knew to be Communists.

The list included Drs. Abowitz, Baker, Bigelman, Bissell, Jacob Druckman, Feder, Gordon, Hittleman, Koppelman, Lester, Marcus, Matlin, Pennes, Perry, Reynolds, Riskin, Rosenbloom, Schoen, Sosin, Sperling, Nedelman, Sidney Druckman, Goodlaw and Schonfield.

Mrs. Drader began her testimony with the disclosure that her first undercover assignment from the committee, in October, 1950, was to join the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council medical division, an organization listed officially as subversive.

Eventually, she testified, she became an executive committee member of the division, but lodged several invitations to become a member of the Communist Party.

Her membership in the ASPC automatically thrust her into a complex of Communist front organizations, Mrs. Drader testified when Chief Committee

Counsel Richard E. Combs asked:

Q.—Did you begin to receive literature from other organizations which you had not solicited or contacted in any way?

A.—Yes, from the Civil Rights Congress, the League for the Protection of the Foreign Born, the Southern California Peace Crusade, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Meetings of these and other organizations produced the material which Mrs. Drader organized in the metal file of data on doctors, medical assistants, clergymen, educators, attorneys, and famous names in many fields.

Among them were the names of Hollywood figures Dalton Trumbo and John Howard Lawson, members of the "Hollywood 10" who went to prison for contempt of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947.

The names of Dr. Hugh Wilson of Princeton University and of Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, former chancellor of the University of Chicago and Ford Foundation leader, figured in her testimony concerning a meeting held

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last January 10.

Mrs. Drader told the committee that the gathering was held by the "Citizens' Committee to Preserve American Freedoms" under the chairmanship of the Rev. A. A. Helst, with speakers protesting state and Federal hearings on Communist infiltration in the schools.

Recorded speeches by Dr. Hutchins and Dr. Wilson were played at the meeting, she said.

#### DINNER

Later the name of Dr. Linus Pauling of California Institute of Technology, recent winner of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, appeared in Mrs. Drader's testimony.

The witness told of a dinner in the Park Manor Hotel last April 10, given by the Community Medical Foundation in honor of its chairman, the Rev. Stephen Fritchman, pastor of the First Unitarian Church.

Among congratulatory messages read to the 1000 persons present was one from Dr. Pauling, she said.

Several of the meetings reported by Mrs. Drader were held in the First Unitarian Church, including one sponsored by the Unitarian Public Forum last February 7 at which the topic was "Use of the First Amendment Against Un-American Activities Investigations," she told committeemen.

As an example of the character of some of the audiences she observed, Mrs. Drader told of an October, 1953, session of the "Women for Legislative Action Conference" in a downtown hotel, at which Attorney Leo Branton, frequent counselor of leftwing causes, spoke.

#### OBJECTION

In the midst of the meeting John Despo, a CIO official, objected to the presence of Dorothy Healy, wife of Phil Connolly, Daily Peoples' World editor here, and once called "real boss" of the Communist Party in Los Angeles County.

An argument ensued, and finally the meeting took a vote on excluding Mrs. Healy, the witness said. Despo proved to be the only person present in favor of ousting her. At that, he walked out himself.

Senator Burne commented that "this committee means in no way to imply that Mr. Despo had any connection with this front activity. His action in this instance is a clear indication of that."

In the course of her testimony Mrs. Drader identified Drs. Flasher, Abowitz, Schoen and Cobb as Communist Party members.

As Mrs. Drader's testimony concluded, Counsel Combs asked:

Q.—In your attendance at these meetings were you impressed with the fact that many of these people were affiliated with several of these organizations?

A.—Yes.



DR. ONER B. BARKER

"I became disillusioned..."  
—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

Q.—Did you prepare a document showing the interlocking character of these organizations with the incidence of attendance showing at a glance how many times any individual attended any of the meetings in any capacity.

A.—I did.

Mrs. Drader produced the document, which was admitted in evidence.

Dr. Oner B. Barker, who received his medical degree at Howard University in 1945, was called as first witness by the committee yesterday.

Dr. Barker testified that he was recruited as a member of the Communist Party by Drs. Alex Riskin in early 1946, but that he left a year later because "I became disillusioned with it—it didn't provide the medium of help I thought it would."

The doctor disclosed that he appeared before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1952 but declined to testify on the advice of an attorney. Then he said:

"I became a staff member of the Community Medical Center in 1946-47 (at invitation of) Dr. Riskin."

#### QUIT CENTER

Combs: Are you acquainted with Kenneth Hartford (who on Thursday refused on constitutional grounds to tell the committee the name of his employer.)

A.—Yes. He was the administrator of the Community Medical Center from which I severed my connection two days ago.

Q.—Would you say that the Community Medical Center is unique in the high number of Communist doctors on its staff?

A.—I would say so. Yes.

Dr. Barker identified a list of medical associates who were Communist Party members, including Drs. Riskin, Engelberg, Koppelman, London, Kempler, Lester, Schoen, Abowitz, Reynolda and Perry.

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# Church Lecturer Balks At L.A. Red Inquiry

Martin Hall, a lecturer at the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, refused to tell the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities late yesterday whether he had been a member of the Communist Party. Hall, formerly a professor at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, also describes himself as a former Lutheran minister. In 1948 he served as treasurer for the Henry Wallace campaign for President under the banner of the Independent Progressive Party.

Hall admitted that he had been born in Germany under the name Karl Adolph Rudolph Herman Jacobs. He said he came to the United States in 1937 and was naturalized in 1945.

He refused to state whether he had been a member in Germany, under the name Herman Jacobs, of the national executive board of the Kustufra, a youth movement run by the Communist Party. He refused to say whether he belonged to the Young Communist League in Germany and whether he wrote articles for the Soviet press from 1935 to 1937 under the name Herman Jacobs.

He refused to admit that he had taught at the Hollywood People's Educational Center and the California Labor School in Los Angeles.

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Los Angeles. He also declined to say whether he had written speeches delivered by members of the medical division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council.

## 1950 REPORT

He refused to say whether he had been associated with several schools which the committee identified as communist fronts or with Ormsby Village in Topanga Canyon.

In 1950 Hall was reported in the Citizen-News as the central figure in a day-long conference at which delegates from social action committees from local churches were instructed by Hall on ways to take what he called "progressive" or "liberal" views into the Protestant churches.

At present he lectures at the Friday Evening Forum in Sherman Oaks.

Hall has claimed that Hitler had placed a price on his head, forcing him to flee from Germany because of "anti-nazi activities."

Other witnesses who refused to answer questions included Dr. Jack Flasher, Dr. Murray Korngold, a clinical psychologist; Mrs. Rose Boyd, an insurance agent; and Kenneth Hartford, director of the Los Angeles Community Medical Center.

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# FOUR DOCTORS DEFY RED MEDIC PROBE

Members of the State Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities today swapped heavy verbal blows with four physician witnesses who defied them.

The four, who increased to 12 the number of witnesses to deride the committee's efforts to smoke out a Communist conspiracy to "take over" the medical profession here, were:

Drs. Joseph H. Mittelman, Richard W. Lippman, P. Price Cobbs, and Saul Matlin.

All except Matlin belong to the Los Angeles County Medical Association which Mittelman, 44, pin-pointed as the villain in a plot to smear his reputation.

All refused to answer the question: "Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

## VERBAL EXCHANGE

State Senator Hugh M. Burns, committee chairman, needled by Daniel G. Marshall, counsel for several of the irascible witnesses, commented in a heated exchange:

"We have our own information sources. We don't rely on these witnesses for it. Some appear to be struck dumb, indicating that 'party discipline' takes over when certain questions are asked."

With a frown at Marshall, Senator Burns said:

"You, sir, shall not audit or edit the testimony. You are here to advise your clients, not this committee."

Asked if he had joined the Communists in 1937 under the name of "Jack Martin," Dr. Mittelman refused to answer, but flared back:

## BUT WON'T ANSWER

The leaders of the Medical Association have no love for me. This is an invasion of my rights and an attempt to make me look repugnant because of my opposition to the association's higher hierarchy."

Challenging the committee's authority, he alleged persecution, and termed Dr. Louis Aleson, a past president of the association, a "Stone Age economist."

Dr. Lippman, 38, parried one question by saying:

"These are peculiar times. You have to be careful today even about discussing the color of one's blood lest you be termed subversive and subjected to persecution."

Dr. Matlin ignored Senator Burns' order to "answer the questions" by terming the committee procedure "improper."

Dr. Cobbs said:

"I can't understand why a physician should be called before this committee. It tends to destroy the confidential relationship between doctor and patient."

The eight witnesses who

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**DR. JOSEPH HITTELMAN**  
Refuses to Answer



**DR. RICHARD LIPPMAN**  
Also Defies Red Probers

defied the committee yesterday included Dr. Murray Korngold and Kenneth Hartford. The latter is director of the Community Medical Center at 1236 South Lake street.

"The Cadillac clique wants to destroy the Community Medical Center because it is providing low-cost medical care for low-income people," said Dr. Korngold.

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**DR. SAUL MATLIN**  
Another 'Won't Answer'

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## Medics Rap Red Probers, Won't Answer Questions

The State Senate Un-American Activities Committee, charged by witnesses with being hatchet men for the County Medical Association, today resumed a hearing on Communist influence in the medical profession.

Unco-operative witnesses, including two medics, were questioned by the committee yesterday on their possible affiliation with groups described as Communist-dominated.

Dr. Thomas L. Perry, of 11831 Capitol St., accused the committeemen of having undertaken the hearing at the request of a Medical Association leadership clique.

He declined to say whether he was a member of the Communist Party or the medical division of the Arts, Science and Professions Council. Dr. Jack Flasher, of 3551 University Ave., also refused answer the committee's questions.

Two other doctors, Morris L. Feder and Franklin Bisell, were unable to be present because of professional calls. Their attorneys stipulated that they, too, would de-

cline to answer the questions on affiliations.

Other witnesses included Kenneth Hartford, who declined to say whether he was the director of the Community Medical Center at 1236 S Lake St., and Mrs. Rose Boyd, who refused to answer a question regarding Communist Party membership.

The Community Medical Center was described by a previous witness as pro-Communist.

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## More Physicians Defy Red Hearing Questions

Obstinate witnesses yesterday again swamped the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities with a chain of refusals to answer questions.

Every one of them refused to answer the celebrated \$64 question — "Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

Richard E. Combs, committee counsel, asked many questions concerning the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council and the Community Medical Center.

### Stubbornly Decline

Every witness stubbornly declined to admit any connection with the council or the center.

In defense of their action they referred to the First, Fourth, Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, to Article I of the California Constitution and the Sherman-Clayton Act.

Even when the committee chairman, State Sen. Hugh M. Burns of Fresno, ordered them to reply, they repeatedly declined.

Burns said one object of the inquiry is to ascertain if the

Community Medical Center has engaged in any subversive activities.

This center, at 1236 S. Lake St., is operated by the Community Medical Foundation. The foundation's president, the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, has been listed frequently in reports of State and Federal committees investigating un-American activities.

Witnesses who testified included Dr. Joseph Hittelman, who served as an Army captain on a hospital ship in wartime, and several others with military records.

### Became a Major

Dr. Richard W. Lippman, 38, told how he reached the rank of major while serving with the Army Medical Corps during the war. He was a fellow in medicine at the Stanford University Medical School in 1946-48.

Later he had charge of the kidney disease clinic at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital Institute for Medical Research. He wrote 60 papers on nephritis (Bright's dis-

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ease), nephrosis and similar ailments.

"In December, 1951," Dr. Lippman said, "I suddenly received notice I had been expelled from the staff of Cedars of Lebanon."

### Refuses to Answer

When Combs asked if he had attended meetings of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council medical board, had been chairman of an ASPC "Peace Committee" and attended a chain of meetings, the witness froze up and refused to answer.

"Is it not a fact that you and Dr. Thomas L. Perry are brothers-in-law?" asked Combs.

Dr. Lippman declined to answer. (Dr. Perry, a one-time Rhodes scholar who was fired from the Childrens Hospital staff, has been identified in a House Committee on Un-American Activities hearing as a Communist. He refused to answer questions on "front" meetings at the State Senate hearing Wednesday.)

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#### Balks Again

Dr. Lippman refused to say whether he has been connected with the Community Medical Center or whether he has subscribed to the Communist newspaper, the Daily Peoples World, since 1946.

It is no surprise that such witnesses have given the committee no information, Sen. Burns commented.

"The moment party discipline enters the picture," he said, "the witness is suddenly stricken dumb and gives no information."

But the Senator added significantly: "We have other sources."

#### Advised by Attorney

Dr. Lippman was counseled by Atty. Daniel G. Marshall, who also advised Dr. Hittelman in ducking questions on constitutional grounds.

Dr. Hittelman, 43, a University of California (Berkeley) medical graduate, said he felt the committee was infringing on his rights at the behest of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

He told how he was a candidate for the council, or policymaking body of the medical association, in 1949. He was one of two candidates nominated from the floor who polled almost 1000 votes, or between 18% and 20% of the total cast.

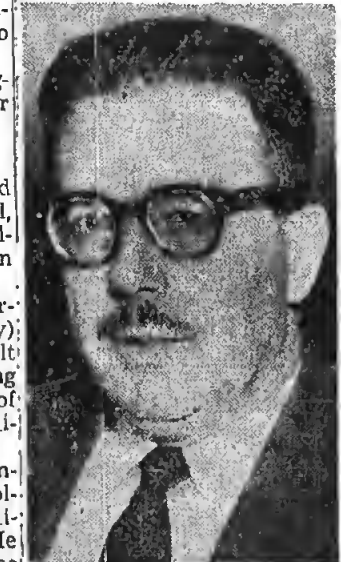
#### 42 Minutes to Reply

When Combs asked Dr. Hittelman if he had ever been attached to the medical unit

known by any other name, he took 42 minutes to reply, largely in tirades against the committee and the medical association for assertedly invading his constitutional rights. "Did you ever go by the name of Jack Martin?" Combs asked.

The witness stubbornly refused to answer.

"Your Communist Party name was Jack Martin," Combs said, "and you were



**STUBBORN** — Dr. Joseph Hittelman wouldn't say if he used another name. Times photo

of the professional section of the Communist Party in Los Angeles County. That is the reason for this question."

Sen. Burns added an explanation: "In fairness to you, we tell you the information we have. You can confirm or deny it."

Dr. Hittelman refused to do either.

"Couldn't it be possible," Combs asked, "that the reason the County Medical Association opposed your candidacy was because you had used another name, to be explicit—in 1937, to masquerade your membership in the Communist Party?"

Dr. Hittelman refused to answer, even when the chairman ordered him to do so.

#### Turns to Attorney

Combs then turned to Atty. Marshall and said, "We are interested in finding out whether or not your client was a member of the Communist Party under the name of Jack Martin."

"Why is that relevant?" snapped Marshall. "Would you ask Gov. Warren to come in here and explain his reasons why, in support of his health bill, if he was a mem-

ber of the Communist Party? Has that anything to do with the issue?"

"We asked him, once," Burns said.

#### Asked Him Once

"We asked him once," Combs repeated, "and he answered it very frankly, fully and willingly."

"He was not Governor then but he was a witness before the committee," Burns explained.

(Combs later said this question was put to Warren when he was Attorney General in 1941, to clarify testimony in a Communist murder case.)

Dr. Murray Abowitz, discharged from Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in December, 1951, and identified in House testimony as a Communist, was subpoenaed for yesterday's State Senate hearing. Atty. Robert Morris got him excused, explaining that the doctor's regular attorney, Robert W. Kenny, is in San Francisco at a trial.

Dr. P. Price Cobbs, 62, graduate of Howard University, refused to admit affiliation with organizations identified as subversive or with the Community Medical Center.

"Are you chairman of the medical division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council?" asked Combs.

Dr. Cobb declined to answer.

#### Another Refusal

"Are you or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

Another refusal to reply followed, even when the chairman ordered a response.

Dr. Saul Matlin, osteopathic physician, refused to answer the celebrated "\$64 question" on Communism as well as

queries on affiliations with the ASPC executive board, the Community Medical Center, the California Labor School and the Civil Rights Congress. He even refused to answer this question:

"Do you own a Dodge sedan automobile?"

Atty. William B. Esterman wrote the committee that he objects to remarks at the hearing that the National Lawyers Guild is some kind of a Communist front. He has been its Southern California chairman for four years.

Dr. Wilbert Z. Gordon, 39, who was a captain in the Army Medical Corps in 1944-46, was sworn as a witness but refused to testify as to any affiliation with the Community Medical Center or the Communist Party.

M. J. Omerberg, attorney who represented Gordon and another witness, Leonore Sutton, advised both to remain silent and stand on their Constitutional rights.

Miss Sutton, who resides at 3342 W 27th St., refused to admit attending any meetings of the ASPC or the Community Medical Foundation.

She even refused to say whether she is married.

#### Also Raises Issues

Dr. Marvin Sure, Glendale optometrist, also raised constitutional issues in ducking questions. Dr. Jacob Agins, 56, was subpoenaed but excused because he complained of a serious heart condition. By a stipulation, an attorney represented him and refused to answer all questions.

The hearing will continue at 10 a.m. today in Room 709 of the State Building. The committee's own investigators will testify.



**EXPELLED** — Dr. Richard W. Lippman, 38, who told of being expelled from the Cedars of Lebanon staff.  
Times photo



**SILENT** — Leonore Sutton, who, on lawyer's advice, was silent on Red quiz.  
Times photo

## L.A. Has 30 Red Doctors, Witness Says

Dr. Louise Light, an osteopathic physician, testified before the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee here today she knew more than 30 Los Angeles doctors who were Communist Party members.

Dr. Light said she joined the party in 1939 and left it in disillusion in 1950.

The Reds, she said, made open use of the doctors as a source of party funds. Doctors, she said, were required to give at least 4% of their incomes to party causes and were deemed "useful" to the party because of their high income levels.

She said she had been harassed since she testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington in 1952, by having her office picketed and patients warned away.

Dr. Thomas L. Perry, a volubly unco-operative witness at earlier hearings, was one of those named as a party member by Dr. Light.

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# Doctor Red Quiz Names Due

## Surprise In L.A. Probe

Four surprise witnesses today were to "name names" in accusations of Communist membership against physicians in Los Angeles County medical circles.

Spokesmen for the State Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities so indicated in the fifth day of its probe of an alleged Red plot to "take over" the medical profession.

Sixteen witnesses the past three days have derided the committee's questions about a Communist conspiracy.

### OBSTINATE ONES

Latest of the obstinate witnesses included:

Dr. Wilbert Z. Gordon, former captain in the Army Medical Corps; Dr. Marvin Sure, Glendale optometrist; Dr. Jacob Agins; Leonore Sutton; Drs. Joseph H. Hittelman, Richard W. Lippman, P. Price Cobbs and Saul Matlin.

All refused to answer the question: "Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

### ASSAIL ASSOCIATION

One witness today was reported ready to testify that the Community Medical Center was sponsored by subversive groups. Several of the balky witnesses have refused to tell the committee whether they were affiliated with the Center which on hostile witness said the "Cadillac clique of the County Medical Association wants to destroy because it provides low-cost medical care for low-income patients."

Dr. Lippman said that his appearance before the committee was "a trial by ordeal." Other witnesses used the hearing as a sounding board for leftist philosophy. Miss Sutton even refused to say if she is married.

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# Counter-Spy Lists 500 In L.A. at Red Meetings



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MRS. R. DRADER—UNDERCOVER COUNTER-SPY  
Names More Than 100 Persons, Including 33 Physicians  
And Surgeons, As Attendees at Red-Dominated Meets

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## Red Quiz Told of Angelenos at Meets

Comely brunette counter-spy Ruth Drader late today paraded name after name of Hollywood personalities—professors, lawyers, physicians, teachers and preachers—before the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, including that of Professor Linus Pauling, of Cal-Tech, who received the Chemistry Nobel Prize in Sweden today.

She testified that she attended over 100 meetings of Communist-front organizations as a counter-intelligence agent for the committee for four years, and she listed over 500 persons who participated in the meetings.

In the fifth day of hearings into Reds in medicine here, Mrs. Drader, a Glendale X-ray technician, named in addition to Dr. Pauling such prominent figures as Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, pastor of the First Unitarian Church; Prof. Fowler V. Harper, Actress Gale Sondergaard, Director Hebert Biberman, Artist Ted Gillen, Actor Victor Killian and hundreds of others.

Many of the meetings of groups, of which she was a member of their executive boards, were held at homes of physicians. These included Dr. Jack Flasher, Dr. Morris Feder, Dr. Max Schoen, a dentist.

Other names she entered into the record were Dr. Murray Abowitz and his wife, Eleanor;



**DR. L. LIGHT SILVER**  
Quit Red Party in 1950,  
Identifies 27 Persons

Dr. Sidney Prince; Radio Writer Dick Powell (not the actor); Dr. William Atkinson, Dr. Sol Wolfson, Dr. Frederick Roynolds, Attorney Jack Tenner, Attorneys Charles Katz and Norman Leonard.

Mrs. Drader named those in Communist-front groups.

Most of her names were in

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## Counter-Spy

# Links Doctors To Reds

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addition to those given previously.

Dr. Louise Light Silver and Dr. Oner Barker identified some 40 persons in medical circles as Communist Party members.

They were Mrs. Ruth Drader, 35, a beautiful brunette counter-spy in the service of the state of California for four years, and Dr. Louise Light Silver, a widely known osteopathic physician and surgeon of West Los Angeles.

### IDENTIFIES 27

Dr. Silver identified 27 persons, principally physicians, as fellow Communists prior to 1950 when she said she quit the party.

She said that doctors had used Communist money to build the Wilshire-Carhay Medical building at 6333 Wilshire boulevard.

As many as 45 or 50 Los Angeles College students attended some of the 50 or more Red-front meetings which she attended as "Jane Dawson," Mrs. Drader said.

### NAMES DOCTORS

Among the doctors she listed were Dr. Murray Abowitz, Dr. Thomas L. Perry Jr., Dr. Leo Bigelman, Dr. Alexander Pennes, and Dr. Richard W. Lippman.

Kenneth Hartford, administrative head of the Community Medical Center, also took part in the secret sessions, Mrs. Drader told the committee.

Others she saw at various group meetings were identified by Mrs. Drader as Attorney William Esterman and William Murrish.

Hollywood celebrities frequently present, she said, included John Howard Lawson, Dalton Trumbo, Howland Chamberlain, Paul Jarrico, Herta Urkevitz, and Herbert Bleberman.

(Lawson, Trumbo and Bleberman were in the original "Hollywood 10" who went to prison for contempt of the Congressional Committee in 1947).

### WENT TO RESTAURANT

After one meeting, Mrs. Drader said, the group adjourned to the Gotham Restaurant in Hollywood with Maude Russell, who had been the principal speaker of the evening.

At the Gotham she said also were Lee Bachells, described as treasurer of the Civil Rights Congress Ball fund; Lillian Hass; Dr. Marvin Sure, and his wife, Attorney Jane Grodzins Sure; and Anne Wallace.

Maude Russell described how Communist Party discipline operated, Mrs. Drader said, and knew of the Stalin-Tito "break" six months before it was announced publicly.

The modishly-clad Mrs. Drader appeared on the witness stand with hundreds of pages of notes and a card index file indicating, she said, the positions in the scientific world of the persons she named.

The file had multi-hued "tabs." The yellow tabs, she said, denoted religious leaders; brown tabs designated teachers; red ones were Communists, of course, and green tabs represented attorneys.

Dr. Silver made a complete confession of her membership in the Communist Party to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she said.

"After I appeared before the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities in 1952, the Communist Party harassed me, and tried to discredit me by falsely accusing me of performing illegal operations in my office," Dr. Silver said.

"They picketed my offices," she continued, "and told my patients that I was a 'terrible woman.'"

First witness today was Dr. Oner Barker, who previously had been an "unfriendly witness" before the committee.

### COMES AS A SURPRISE

His testimony came as a surprise to the asserted Communist sympathizers in the committee's hearing room at the State Building.

Dr. Silver identified the following 27 persons as fellow

members of the Communist Party prior to 1950:

Dr. Barker, Dr. Leo Bigelman, Dr. Franklin Bissell, Dr. Jacob Druckman, Dr. Oscar Elkus, Dr. Hyman Engelberg, Dr. Morris Feder, Dr. Wilbert Z. Gordon, Dr. Milton Lester, Dr. Murray Abowitz, Dr. Simpson Marcus, Dr. Alexander Pennes, Dr. Thomas L. Perry Jr., Dr. Frederick Reynolds, Dr. Alexander Riskin, Dr. Gordon Rosenblum, Dr. Samuel Sperling and Dr. Sidney Druckman with Drs. Joseph Hittelman and Harold Koppelman.

Then she listed dentists as follows: Dr. Max Schoen, Dr. Max Sosin and Dr. Louis Schonfield.

She also listed as Communists Dr. Jack Nedelman and Dr. Saul Matlin, osteopathic physicians and surgeons; Dr. Edward Goodlaw, an optometrist, and Bertha Reynolds, Dr. Frederick Reynolds' wife.

#### SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Dr. Silver said that she had seen Pharmacist Arthur Lightner at Communist social functions, but could not place him as a member of the Communist party.

The party, she said, wanted doctors because of their income value.

She said the party collected as dues 4 per cent of the physician's earnings; for treatment of strikers and their families; for treatment of top Communist functionaries, and for other normal uses such as protest meetings and for the sending of telegrams.

In addition, she testified, that during the Soviet-Nazi pact from 1939 to 1941, a plan was made on orders of Communist headquarters to use doctors as part of the party's underground apparatus. Their offices were to be used for the relaying of information from Communist leaders "because doctors' offices were not usually suspected as courier centers.

#### OTHERS NAMED

Dr. Barker named Dr. Milton Z. London, Dr. Walter Kempler, and Dr. Light herself in his list of 11. The other names were among those listed by Dr. Light.

Barker said he was a member of the Community Medical Center staff until two days ago. He said he had quit the Communist Party in 1947.

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TO FRIENDLY WITNESSES FROM LOCAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AS FOLLOWS,

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PLAN CURRENT HEARINGS: [REDACTED]

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HCUA HEARINGS AT LOS ANGELES 10/19/52 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF [REDACTED]  
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12/7/54, [REDACTED] MORE FRIENDLY WITNESSES TESTIFIED, NAMELY, [REDACTED]

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OTHER FRIENDLY WITNESSES WHO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ALLEGED EFFORTS OF  
COMMUNISTS TO INFILTRATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WERE [REDACTED]

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THE CMC, AND THE HOLLYWOOD ASP MEDICAL DIVISION, THAT THE QUEEN OF ANGELS

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HOSPITAL AT LOS ANGELES WAS GUILTY OF DISCRIMINATION. DURING AFTERNOON  
SESSION OF SECOND DAY, [REDACTED]

TESTIFIED VERY GENERALLY AND CAREFULLY AS TO DANGERS OF COMMUNIST OR  
PRO-COMMUNIST DOCTORS IN CIVILIAN DEFENSE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IF SUCCESSFULLY SUBPOENED: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAS SAID HE WILL NOW COOPERATE. COMBS HAS ACCORDINGLY

SCHEDULED [REDACTED] FOR THE LAST DAY OF HEARINGS, WHICH PROBABLY WILL

NOW BE FRIDAY NEXT.

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# RED MEDICAL INFILTRATION TACTICS TOLD

Pattern in All Countries Similar, Says Missionary

(Pictures on Page 3)

Organized Communist infiltration of the medical profession is a real and present menace, ranking officials of the Los Angeles County, California and American Medical Associations testified here yesterday.

The doctors spoke before the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee at an investigation requested by the Los Angeles County Medical Association almost a year ago.

Senators then heard Dr. Nathaniel Bercovitz, medical missionary, tell in horrifying detail how the Reds took over medicine in China and perverted it into a system of "mass murder" or Anti-Communists.

"The pattern (for the attack on medicine) seems to be the same in all countries, with orders being received directly from Communist Russia," the 44-year-old Dr. Bercovitz said.

## POSSIBILITY—

"Do you think it would be possible for the Communists to take over the Los Angeles County Medical Association by the same means?" asked Committee Chief Counsel Richard E. Combs.

"I think it would, sir," the doctor replied.

Physicians voicing concern over the Red attempt to dominate the medical association here included:

Dr. Ben Frees, 1949 president

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of the LACMA, and now chairman of its board of trustees.

Dr. Eugene F. Hoffman, LACMA councillor and member of the American Medical Association House of Delegates.

Dr. E. Vincent Askey, 1943 president of the LACMA, president of the California Medical Association in 1948-49, present speaker of the American Medical Association House of Delegates, and 1940-41 president of the Los Angeles Board of Education.

## AWARE—

Dr. Frees told the committee, headed by Sen. Hugh M. Burns of Fresno the LACMA first became aware of the seriousness of Red infiltration during his presidency in 1949.

In that year the medical association proposed a loyalty oath requirement for membership, Dr. Frees recalled. He testified:

"About May, 1949, a letter called my attention to a meeting to be held in the Hollywood Women's Club. It was signed by a great many doctors, most of whom I know."

"I attended this meeting, which was sponsored by the 'Emergency Committee for Defense of Professional Licensure.' All sorts of propaganda was presented why a professional man should never take a loyalty oath, and loyalty to our country was discounted on the basis that our country amounted to very little."

## NOMINATED—

Next November, Dr. Frees said, two doctors "who had been prominent at the meeting" were nominated for office in the association and received about 20 per cent of the ballots cast. The doctor continued:

"This indicated a pattern of infiltration that was more serious than we thought. As a group we felt that we could not combat the situation ourselves, and that we should have to ask for help."

Dr. Bercovitz, 1915-1953 medical missionary on the Island of Hainan, South China, was chief surgeon and superintendent of the American Presbyterian Hospital at Hol How when the Communists took over the island in April of 1950. When the Reds arrived, he said:

"Their underground emerged. I found hospital staff members whom I considered religious, loyal and against Communism to have been Communist agents working under cover all the time."

## AGENTS—

"One man was an enthusiastic singer in our choir who had been with the hospital 11 years. One woman, a den-

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coness of our church, had been with the hospital 18 years.

These and others conducted themselves with such guile that we never suspected them. But when the Communists came they emerged and were entirely different persons."

Dr. Berecovitz and his wife were held prisoners in their home for 35 months, he told the committee, while "many members of the hospital staff who were anti-Communists were executed—we'll never know how many."

Chief Counsel Combs, referring to the familiar Communist theme that others "discriminate against minorities," inquired:

"Did you notice any discrimination in treatment of hospital patients who were anti-Communist?"

#### MURDER—

"Yes sir," replied Dr. Berecovitz. "It amounted to mass murder."

Dr. Askey told the committee he first became aware of the Communist infiltration problem in 1948 and 1949 when:

"I found men in the medical profession who didn't seem to have the love of their country. In their hearts, men who held objections to taking a loyalty oath."

"I could not understand that. If a man loves his wife, why should he object if she asks him to say so? If he loves his country, why should he object if his country asks him to say so?"

Combs inquired whether Dr. Askey had ever had any experience with the Workers Alliance or the State, County and Municipal Workers of America. The doctor replied:

"Yes, I remember one time when Harry Bridges requested the use of one of our schools to make a speech (when the doctor was school board president) and I objected strenuously."

#### DEMONSTRATION—

"The Workers' Alliance staged a demonstration in the board room, and one of them told me that I would be the second man to be put against a fence and shot when the Communists took over."

Dr. Askey told the committee he feels the Red attempt to infiltrate the medical profession to be "very dangerous," he said:

"I feel it is our duty to go to any extent to expose this danger and combat it. We want no witch hunts. We want this done in an orderly manner and by official agencies."

Dr. Hoffman told the committee he believes Communist infiltration a "very real threat" and that, "we have had a very definite problem since 1948-1949."

Witnesses during the afternoon session included Dr. Stanford Warren, dean of the University of California at Los Angeles Medical School, and Dr. Walter E. Macpherson, dean of the College of Medical Evangelists.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING

## UCLA Dean Hits at Reds in Medicine

Dr. Warren Wants Communists Out as Defense Measure

Dr. Stafford L. Warren, the UCLA Medical School dean who was a key figure in development of the atomic bomb, yesterday warned that Communist infiltration of the medical profession must be blocked as a vital factor in national defense.

Dr. Warren testified at a State Senate hearing at which Dr. Sidney M. Kolodny told how he quit the staff of the Community Medical Center here because he didn't like its pro-Communist leanings.

This center, now situated at 1236 S Lake St. and formerly at 5501 S Broadway, is operated by the Community Medical Foundation, whose president is the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman. Mr. Fritchman, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, has been castigated in the past by Rep. Donald Jackson of the House Un-American Activities Committee as a man who has aided the Communist cause from coast to coast for many years.

### Warns on Methods

Dr. Warren testified that any Communists in the medical profession can be very dangerous because they can transfer information to the enemy which would give away our methods of defense.

"That is just as vital as giving away our attack," said the man who was chief medical officer of the Manhattan District during World War I development of the A-bomb.

"Furthermore," he testified, "in case of attack we would

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be just as vulnerable to sabotage from within."

Dr. Warren holds top posts in radiological work in the State and national civil defense setups. He said that in the atom bomb program the medical men were documented thoroughly and the FBI today screens men on the medical and radiological committees.

### Asked About Staff

Dr. Kolodny, an obstetrician and gynecologist, said he was on the staff of the Community Medical Center from November, 1947, to November, 1953.

Sen. Hugh M. Burns, chairman of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, and Sens. John F. McCarthy and John F. Thompson watched intently as Counsel Richard E. Comb asked:

"Did you form any opinion of the political sentiments of the staff?"

"Most were sympathetic toward left-wing organizations," Dr. Kolodny answered.

### Asked to Sign Petitions

"By left-wing do you include the Communist Party?"

Dr. Kolodny explained it was common to see copies

the Peoples Daily World, Communist newspaper, lying about.

"Were you asked to sign petitions?"

"Yes—in favor of the Rosenbergs and to reinstate the three doctors expelled from Cedars of Lebanon Hospital and against the deportation of Harry Bridges," Dr. Kolodny testified.

He quit the Community Medical Center mainly because of its political tone, he said.

### Dean Gives Warning

Dr. Walter E. Macpherson, dean of the School of Medicine of the College of Medical Evangelists, testified that any Red attempts to infiltrate the medical profession would be detrimental.

Atty. George W. Nilsson, member of the American Bar

Association's standing committee on American citizenship, told how the ABA expels Communists or anyone advocating Marxism-Leninism.

"President Loyd Wright asked me to congratulate the Los Angeles County Medical Association on its action to expel from its membership all Communists or any member who follows the Communist Party line," Nilsson said.

### Caused Disturbance

Dr. E. Vincent Askey, vice-speaker of the American Medical Association's House of Delegates and past president of both the California and Los Angeles County Medical Associations, testified of past contacts with left-wing groups.

Dr. Askey told the committee that when he was president of the Board of Educa-

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tion in 1940-41 the Workers Alliance, a union of some unemployed and persons on relief, caused such constant disturbance at board meetings that once the alliance president had to be evicted.

"Harry Bridges requested the use of one high school for a speech and I protested vigorously," Dr. Askey said.

"I was told by a Workers Alliance member that I would be the second man to be put against a fence and shot."

#### Hadn't Planned to Run

Dr. Askey said he hadn't planned to run for the board again but decided to face any opposition and was elected by his greatest majority. (He served on the board from 1937 through 1943.)

Combs pointed out that Alexander Noral, who headed the Workers Alliance, ran on

dangerous. I fear they have gone under cover more."

He explained the medical profession is confident that the great majority of doctors are loyal, as proved by their peacetime and war records. It believes in no "witch hunt" but it asked for the California investigation.

Dr. Eugene P. Hoffman, member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association Council and a California delegate to the AMA convention, described apprehension over Communism in the medical profession in this county since 1948.

#### Eyes Opened in 1949

He told of the furor over a loyalty oath, now required of all new members and all new officers of the county association.

Dr. Ben Frees, president of

the Presidential electoral slate in 1940 as an avowed Communist.

Dr. Askey has just returned from the American Medical Association convention in Miami. He said a committee there did not support a proposal to deny AMA membership to doctors who have been ruled poor security risks for military duty.

#### Demand Support

The committee felt any constitutional change should apply to all doctors and was unnecessary, he explained, because AMA tenets and ethics already demand support of the nation and oppose subversion.

Asked by Combs if he felt the Communist threat continues, Dr. Askey said:

"I think it is very, very

the County Medical Association in 1949 and now chairman of its trustees, said his "eyes were opened" in May, 1949, when he saw a circular letter signed by a large number of doctors.

This invited doctors to attend a meeting in the Hollywood Women's Club. It was sponsored by an "Emergency Medical Committee for Defense of Professional Licensure." At the meeting, speakers stormed against the loyalty oath.

Later that year, in November, two doctors who had been prominent at the May meeting were nominated for the County Medical Association's Council, or policy-making body, at an association meeting. Literature support-

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ing them was passed around the floor.

#### Serious Problem

"This indicated to you a pattern of infiltration?" asked Combs.

"It indicated to me a problem far more serious than I thought," replied Dr. Frees. "Practically 20% of our membership voted for these two men."

Dr. Nathaniel Bercovitz of Pasadena told how he saw Communism grow in China. He was superintendent and chief surgeon of the American Presbyterian Hospital on Hainan, South China.

#### Movement Gains

"In 1915 there were no Communists but the Russian revolution began in 1917," he said. "By 1921 the Communist Party of China was organized and it swept so quickly that by 1922 it reached the island of Hainan."

"By 1925 they almost took over China and we had to get out a couple of times by order of the American government because of the disorders."

Dr. Bercovitz credited Gen. Chiang Kai-shek for stemming the tide but said the Communists held in the jungles. Another wave swept the nation in 1948 and 1949. By April, 1950, it made the final conquest at Hainan.

#### Held 35 Months

A reign of terror swept them as Dr. Bercovitz and his wife were placed under "house arrest" in their hospital and held there 35 months.

They learned to their amazement that Red agents had been working undercover in their hospital for years.

An enthusiastic man who sang in the choir had been a Communist for "at least a dozen years." A woman deaconess in the church had been a Red agent 18 years.

Dr. Bercovitz saw their attitudes change overnight when they found Communists "in the saddle."

Red leaders took charge of the hospital and froze the staff for duties at government-fixed salaries.

Indoctrination in Communist ideologies was intense. The 125 employees of the hospital were forced to read books, attend lectures on Communism day after day and pass examinations.

#### Favorite Hour

At night the intimidation continued. "You never knew when the secret police would come to arrest you. A favorite hour was 2 a.m. Several were taken away and never heard from again."

"Suppose you were a notorious anti-Communist and needed an appendectomy?" asked Combs.

"Probably you would never get that far," Dr. Bercovitz said. "The total number of people executed will never be known."

#### Seized Control

The surgeon said he doubts if more than 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 of China's population of more than 500,000,000 are Communists, but the majority seized control of the army and the government.

Combs asked about his

travels and studies in other nations.

"I think the pattern is the same everywhere," Dr. Bercovitz said, "and if they were to come here it would be the same thing."

Atty. William B. Esterman announced in Altadena that he was telegraphing Sen. Burns that the Burns committee is using "hit-and-run tactics" and "we resent emphatically this illegal attempt on your part to interfere with our right to have physicians of our own choosing."

The message bore the names of Esterman and his wife and 13 other persons.

The appearance of one scheduled witness at the hearing, Dr. Jack Flasher, was postponed until today at the

# Doctors Defy Questions at Red Hearing

One After Another Refuses to Tell if He's a Communist

Irascible witnesses had a field day yesterday in defying the State Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities.

One after another was sworn in and stubbornly refused to tell whether he is a Communist and whether he has been active in subversive organizations.

The assault was led by Dr. Thomas L. Perry Jr., 38, former Childrens Hospital pediatrician, former Rhodes scholar and former member of the University of Southern California Medical School faculty.

## Takes 15 Minutes

When the committee counsel, Richard E. Combs, asked the first question, Dr. Perry took 15 full minutes—without interruption—to explain why he wouldn't answer it.

The question was simple: "Did you ever hear of an organization known as the Association of Interns and Medical Students?"

Dr. Perry insisted this question was asked to "instill a reign of terror" and to "frighten doctors out of saying what they think."

(The association had been

In his marathon reply Dr. Perry wandered from the question to describe State Sen. Hugh M. Burns' committee work as the "same as the McCarthy hearings."

"I can't be a party in destroying political freedom in America . . . I will be the last person to install Nazism in America . . . This question is an invasion of my right to speak and my right to be silent . . . It is designed to submit me to unwarranted and false prosecution," Dr. Perry continued.

He volunteered that he was invoking the First and Fifth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and Article I of the State Constitution.

(Later, under advice of his attorney, Daniel G. Marshall, he added "due process of law," the 14th Amendment and even the Sherman-Clayton Act. He also charged that the Burns committee was sitting without lawful power.)

## Fired From Staff

"Two years ago when I appeared before the House Un-American Activities Committee I was fired from the staff of Childrens Hospital," Dr. Perry went on. "I was the leading pediatrician there."

He charged that the State

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Investigation is being conducted for a small clique of the Los Angeles County Medical Association leadership and is "right-wing, reactionary, pro-Tenney and pro-Gerald L. K. Smith."

When he finally paused for breath, Combs asked, "Do you recall at a hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities you were identified by one of the witnesses as a member of the Communist Party?"

## Stands on Record

"The record of those hearings will speak for itself," Dr. Perry answered. (He later indicated he would refuse to answer a question on Communist Party membership.)

Sen. Burns asked the pediatrician if he felt he would incriminate himself in any way in answering the first question (about the Association of Interns and Medical Students). Dr. Perry refused to answer.

Sen. Burns said, "The chair must rule you are wrong and the chair instructs you to answer this question."

The doctor again refused.

## Voluntary Comments

When the witness rambled onward in voluntary comments on Fascism and an inquisition, Combs asked Dr. Perry's attorney to admonish him not to advise the Senate committee on how to conduct its affairs.

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... as a scholar and later earned his medical degree at the Harvard University Medical School. He practiced medicine with the 3rd Army in France and Germany.

He was a member of the University of Southern California School of Medicine faculty from 1948 to 1952, but said he was discharged because of work of the County Medical Association "clique." He regretted that SC, with a "reign of terror," lacks the "good, liberal tradition" of Harvard.

#### Application Refused

The pediatrician said his application for membership in the Los Angeles County Medical Association was turned down in the summer of 1953 "for no reason."

Asked by Combs if he was once national president of the Association of Interns and Medical Students, he refused to answer.

He took the same stand when asked a chain of questions regarding subversive organizations.

Finally Sen. Burns told Atty. Marshall: "I think your client is afraid to answer anything."

#### Claims Discrimination

But Dr. Perry interrupted with a volunteered address on asserted discrimination against racial and minority groups in Los Angeles hospitals. When Sen. Burns asked for a specific answer to a question ("Are you on the staff of any hospital that practices discrimination?") the doctor insisted the committee wanted to blacklist him.

The sparring over refusals to admit attending or speaking at various "front" meetings continued until 70 minutes elapsed.

Combs next questioned Dr. Jack Flasher, 35.

#### Adds Amendment

Represented by the same attorney, Dr. Flasher added the 4th Amendment to the

Constitution to all Dr. Perry had used in defying the committee.

Combs then asked if Dr. Flasher did not recall telephoning him at the Statler a few days ago and coming to the hotel to confer on his testimony-to-come.

When Dr. Flasher refused to reply on constitutional grounds, Combs read from his notes of the conference.

#### Read Into Record

He said the doctor had indicated he would deny ever being a Communist Party member and had given the following reason for stopping paying dues Jan. 1 1952, in the medical division of the Art, Science and Professions Council:

"I was afraid continued affiliation with an organization regarded as subversive by some agencies would be detrimental to me."

#### Same Grounds

Dr. Morris R. Feder, a physician under subpoena, left the hearing to answer an emergency call but Atty. Marshall agreed to stipulate he would refuse to answer questions regarding subversive meetings on the same constitutional grounds.

When Combs asked Atty. Marshall if he knew Dr. Feder had been indentified at a House Committee hearing as a Communist Party member, the lawyer made the same blanket refusal to answer.

The same defiance applied to a long series of questions on memberships, meetings and contributions to organizations.

Mrs. Rose Boyd, life insurance agent, blithely said, "This is a mad world," in

Combs asked her if she was once secretary to Earl Browder, former general chairman of the Communist Party in the United States, and if she came to Los Angeles from Philadelphia in 1937 to assist the Communist Party in raising funds for its newspaper, the Daily Peoples World.

He asked if she was a charter member of the Communist Party in this nation long ago, and if, last April, she was coordinator for a testimonial dinner at the Park Manor for the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman.

#### Ducks This One, Too

Mrs. Boyd testified she has the "highest regard" for Mr. Fritchman as "a great humanitarian" but ducked this question like all others.

Mr. Fritchman, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, has been named frequently in reports of State and Federal committees investigating Red fronts. He is president of the Community Medical Foundation, which operates the Community Medical Center.

When Kenneth Hartford was sworn in, Combs asked:

"What is your position?"

"I am an administrator," Hartford replied.

"Where are you employed?"

Combs continued. "I feel so..."



upst... he invoked the First and Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article I of the State Constitution.

"Is it not a fact that you are director of the Community Medical Center?" pressed Combs.

Hartford again declined to answer.

#### Statement Submitted

Yet he handed the committee a mimeographed statement for its records. This bitterly attacked the committee's work but at the top listed Hartford's address as "1236 S Lake St., L.A."—the address of the Community Medical Center.

He declined to answer questions about work in the past as executive secretary and instructor at schools which have been labeled subversive.

Dr. Murray Korngold, a UCLA graduate, who holds a Ph.D. degree in clinical psychology, smoked a pipe philo-

sophically as he leaned back in the witness chair and declined to answer questions.

He refused to admit whether he is a Communist or whether he ever taught at several institutions which Combs identified as Communist dominated—the People's Educational Center, the California Labor School and the Sequoia School. He also dodged all questions regarding Red-front organizations.

Dr. Korngold was vehement in his execoration of what he called the "Cadillac medical clique of the Los Angeles County Medical Association."

Martin Hall, lecturer and journalist who was born in Germany under the name of Karl Adolph Rudolph Herman Jacobs, testified that he came to the United States in 1937 and was naturalized in 1945.

He said he fled from Nazi terrorism in Germany but refused to answer practically all other questions.

Combs asked if Hall had been a member of the national executive board of the Kostufra, a youth movement run by the Communist Party in Germany, whether he was a member of the Young Communist League in Germany and whether he contributed articles to the Soviet press in 1935-37.

#### Questions Asked

Combs also asked if he taught courses in Los Angeles at the People's Educational Center and the California Labor Council and wrote speeches to be delivered by members of the medical division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council.

Combs also asked if Hall had written a letter to the Los Angeles Housing Authority in 1952 protesting the discharge of Frank Wilkinson because he was found to be a member of the Communist Party.

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answer such questions on constitutional grounds.

#### Appears for Doctor

Atty. Fred Okrand appeared by stipulation for Dr. Franklin Blssett and refused on constitutional grounds to say whether this doctor was ever a Communist or was active in subversive organizations.

The hearing will continue at 9:30 today in the State Building Assembly Room.

## More Physicians Defy Red Hearing Questions

Obstinate witnesses yesterday again swamped the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities with a chain of refusals to answer questions.

Every one of them refused to answer the celebrated \$64 question — "Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

Richard E. Combs, committee counsel, asked many questions concerning the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council and the Community Medical Center.

### Stubbornly Decline

Every witness stubbornly declined to admit any connection with the council or the center.

In defense of their action they referred to the First, Fourth, Fifth, and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, to Article I of the California Constitution and the Sherman-Clayton Act.

Even when the committee chairman, State Sen. Hugh M. Burns of Fresno, ordered them to reply, they repeatedly declined.

Burns said one object of the inquiry is to ascertain if the

Community Medical Center has engaged in any subversive activities.

This center, at 1236 S Lake St., is operated by the Community Medical Foundation. The foundation's president, the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, has been listed frequently in reports of State and Federal committees investigating un-American activities.

Witnesses who testified included Dr. Joseph Hittelman, who served as an Army captain on a hospital ship in wartime, and several others with military records.

### Became a Major

Dr. Richard W. Lippman, 38, told how he reached the rank of major while serving with the Army Medical Corps during the war. He was a fellow in medicine at the Stanford University Medical School in 1946-48.

Later he had charge of the kidney disease clinic at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital Institute for Medical Research. He wrote 60 papers on nephritis (Bright's disease).

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case), nephrosis and similar ailments.

"In December, 1955," Dr. Lippman said, "I suddenly received notice I had been expelled from the staff of Cedars of Lebanon."

### Refuses to Answer

When Combs asked if he had attended meetings of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council medical board, had been chairman of an ASPC "Peace Committee" and attended a chain of meetings, the witness froze up and refused to answer.

"Is it not a fact that you and Dr. Thomas L. Perry are brothers-in-law?" asked Combs.

Dr. Lippman declined to answer. (Dr. Perry, a one-time Rhodes scholar who was on the staff of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, has been identified by the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearing as a Communist. He refused to answer questions on "front" meetings at the State Senate hearing Wednesday.)

### Balks Again

Dr. Lippman refused to say whether he has been connected with the Community Medical Center or whether he has subscribed to the Communist newspaper, the Daily Peoples World, since 1946.

It is no surprise that such witnesses have given the committee no information, Sen. Burns commented.

"The moment party discipline enters the picture," he said, "the witness is suddenly stricken dumb and gives no information."

But the Senator added significantly: "We have no sources."

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#### Advised by Attorney

Dr. Lippman was counseled by Atty. Daniel G. Marshall, who also advised Dr. Hittelman in ducking questions on constitutional grounds.

Dr. Hittelman, 43, a University of California (Berkeley) medical graduate, said he felt the committee was infringing on his rights at the behest of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

He told how he was a candidate for the council, or policymaking body of the medical association, in 1949. He was one of two candidates nominated from the floor who polled almost 1000 votes, or between 18% and 20% of the total cast.

#### 42 Minutes to Reply

When Combs asked Dr. Hittelman if he had ever been attached to the medical unit

known by any other name, he took 42 minutes to reply, largely in tirades against the committee and the medical association for assertedly invading his constitutional rights.

"Did you ever go by the name of Jack Martin?" Combs asked.

The witness stubbornly refused to answer.

"Your Communist Party name was Jack Martin," Combs said, "and you were

of the professional section of the Communist Party in Los Angeles County. That is the reason for this question."

Sen. Burns added an explanation: "In fairness to you, we tell you the information we have. You can confirm or deny it."

Dr. Hittelman refused to do either.

"Couldn't it be possible," Combs asked, "that the reason the County Medical Association opposed your candidacy was because you had used another name, to be explicit—in 1937, to masquerade your membership in the Communist Party?"

Dr. Hittelman refused to answer, even when the chairman

#### Turns to Attorney

Combs then turned to Atty. Marshall and said, "We are interested in finding out whether or not your client was a member of the Communist Party under the name of Jack Martin."

"Why is that relevant?" snapped Marshall. "Would you ask Gov. Warren to come in here and explain his reasons why, in support of his health bill, if he was a mem-

ber of the Communist Party? Has that anything to do with the issue?"

"We asked him once," Burns said.

#### Asked Him Once

"We asked him once," Combs repeated, "and he answered it very frankly, fully and willingly."

"He was not Governor then, but he was a witness before the committee," Burns explained.

(Combs later said this question was put to Warren when he was Attorney General in 1941, to clarify testimony in a Communist murder case.)

Dr. Murray Abovitz, discharged from Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in December, 1951, and identified in House testimony as a Communist, was subpoenaed for yesterday's State Senate hearing. Atty. Robert Morris got him excused, explaining that the doctor's regular attorney, Robert W. Kenny, is in San Francisco at a trial.

Dr. P. Price Cobbs, 62, graduate of Howard University, refused to admit affiliation with organizations identified as subversive or with the Community Medical Center.

"Are you chairman of the medical division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council?" asked Combs.

Dr. Cobbs refused to answer.

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been a member of the Communist Party?"

Another refusal to reply followed, even when the chairman ordered a response.

Dr. Saul Matlin, osteopathic physician, refused to answer the celebrated "\$64 question" on Communism as well as

queries on affiliations with the ASPC executive board.

the California Labor School and the Civil Rights Congress.

He even refused to answer this question:

"Do you own a Dodge sedan automobile?"

Atty. William B. Esterman wrote the committee that he objects to remarks at the hearing that the National Lawyers Guild is some kind of a Communist front. He has been its Southern California chairman for four years.

Dr. Wilbert Z. Gordon, 39, who was a captain in the Army Medical Corps in 1944-46, was sworn as a witness but refused to testify as to any affiliation with the Community Medical Center or the Communist Party.

M. J. Omerberg, attorney who represented Gordon and another witness, Leonore Sutton, advised both to remain silent and stand on their Constitutional rights.

Miss Sutton, who resides at 3342 W 27th St., refused to admit attending any meetings of the ASPC or the Community Medical Foundation.

She even refused to say whether she is married.

#### Also Raises Issues

Dr. Marvin Sure, Glendale optometrist, also raised constitutional issues in ducking questions. Dr. Jacob Agins, 56, was subpoenaed but excused because he complained of a serious heart condition. By a stipulation, an attorney represented him and refused to answer all questions.

The hearing will continue at 10 a.m. today in Room 709 of the State Building. The committee's own

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# Professional Men Named at Red Quiz

Mystery Witnesses  
List 21 Physicians  
and Meeting Places

Dr. X and another former Communist, yesterday, identified 21 Los Angeles County physicians and surgeons, three dentists, two osteopaths and one optometrist as Communist Party members prior to 1950.

They testified at a hearing of the State Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities at which a Mrs. X listed scores of left-wing and Communist-dominated meetings she attended in the last four years which doctors under suspicion attended.

## Identify Each Other

Dr. X is Dr. Omer B. Barker, a former Camp Roberts physician, who decided only Wednesday to make his exposure.

He and Mrs. Louise Light Silver identified each other as ex-Communists and then listed the 27 other names in testimony.

Mrs. X is Mrs. Ruth Drader, 35, an X-ray technician.

A brunet divorcee, Mrs. Drader was known as Jane Dawson to Communist Party members and fellow travelers for four years until yesterday — when she surprised them by revealing her true identity at the hearing.

member of the medical division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council for four years and served one year on the executive board of this left-wing organization.

Under questioning of the committee chairman, State Sen. Hugh M. Burns, and Counsel Richard E. Combs, Dr. Barker identified Mrs. Silver and the following as Communist Party members in 1946-47:

Dr. Alexander Riskin, Dr. Hyman Engelberg, Dr. Milton Z. London, Dr. Harold Koppelman, Dr. Walter Kempfer, Dr. Frederick G. Reynolds, Dr. Thomas L. Perry Jr., Dr. Milton Lester, Dr. Murray Abowitz and Dr. Max Schoen, a dentist.

## Others Listed

In her list of Communist Party members, Mrs. Silver included all these except Drs. London and Kempfer. She added the following names:

Dr. Leo Bigelman, Dr. Franklin Bissell, Dr. Jacob Druckman, Dr. Oscar Elkins, Dr. Morris Feder, Dr. Wilbert Z. Gordon, Dr. Joseph Hittelman, Dr. Simson Marcus, Dr. Alexander Penner, Dr. Gordon Rosenblum, Dr. Sam Sperling, Dr. Sidney Druckman, Dr. Edward Goodlaw, an optometrist, Dr. Jack

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Nedelman and Dr. Saul Matlin, osteopaths, and two dentists, Dr. Max Sosin and Dr. Lou Schonfield. Mrs. Silver also added the name of Dr. Reynolds' wife, Mrs. Bertha Reynolds.

## Refused to Answer

At the Senate Committee hearings this week Drs. Gordon, Hittelman, Matlin and Perry have refused to admit whether they ever have been Communists and Drs. Abowitz, Bissell and Feder have made the same refusal through their attorneys.

None of the accused doctors reached by telephone by The Times denied the charge, nor would any comment on his individual case.

Dr. Reynolds and Dr. Kempfer both had comments on the hearing itself.

"I don't think the hearing is good for the medical profession," said Dr. Reynolds. "It is not good for the doctors or for their patients. Doctors should treat hysteria, not create it."

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#### Questions Motive

Dr. Kempler said he believed the "real motive of the medical association to intimidate doctors should be sought."

Dr. Engelberg's secretary said he would have no comment. Dr. Schonfield, who stood on the Fifth Amendment at a previous hearing, said he had "nothing more to say." Dr. Schoen refused comment.

Drs. Riskin, Elkins, Nedelman, Pennes and Sidney Druckman could not be located.

Dr. Rosenblum's office said he was out of town.

Drs. Koppelman, Sosin, London, Lester, Bigelman, Jacob Druckman, Marcus, Sperling and Goodlaw were not available for comment, according to their respective offices.

#### Recruited in 1946

The committee's "Dr. X"—Dr. Omer B. Barker, said he was recruited into the Communist Party by Dr. Riskin early in 1946. Soon afterward, Dr. Riskin persuaded him to join the staff of the Community Medical Center.

"I left the staff two days ago," said the surprise witness.

This center is operated by the Community Medical Foundation, whose president is the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, pastor of the First Unitarian Church. Mr. Fritchman's name has appeared frequently in reports of State and Federal committees on un-American activities.

"I knew Ken Hartford there," Dr. Barker said. "He was the business administrator."

(Hartford refused under oath Wednesday to admit where he works or whether he is a Communist.)

Dr. Barker said he attended Communist meetings at residences of members at which a Communist publication, Political Affairs, provided the "correct political orientation." Copies of the Communist newspaper, Daily Peoples World, were usually available at the Community Medical Center.

In 1952, when he was a Medical Corps lieutenant at Camp Roberts, Dr. Barker was subpoenaed before a House committee but invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to admit whether he was a Communist.

He described the Community Medical Center as unique in having a high incidence of Communist Party members on its staff.

He said he gradually drifted away from the party as he became disillusioned. "There were so many inconsistencies between what I believed originally and what happened," he explained.

#### Osteopath Testifies

Dr. Silver, an osteopathic physician, testified she joined the Communist Party in 1939. She approached a lawyer who referred her to Dr. Bigelman with her application and she was assigned to the medical

branch of the professional section.

"This section also included lawyers, teachers and social workers," she said. "We discussed party activities, finances and recruiting of members. It was expected generally that 4% of a doctor's income should be contributed to the Communist Party."

Mrs. Silver was a county section delegate of the party and from 1940 to 1942 or 1943 served as a party organizer.

She said the medical branch was to provide medical services for Communist Party officials and for members of workers on strike.

#### Discussed Center

"During the Soviet-Nazi pact we discussed setting up a communications relay center," she said. She explained this directive "came down from above." The plan was to utilize doctors' offices as transmission points for messages which could not be trusted to letters, telegrams or meetings on the street.

"We were then afraid the Communist Party would be driven underground," Mrs. Silver said.

She said one reason she joined the party was because of discrimination in hospitals and said for the record that she believes a certain amount of this still exists.

She testified she began to cool on the party when the "party center" or Los Angeles hierarchy criticized the medical branch for inactivity and Dr. Abowitz arose and said, "Comrades, I have an issue—let's take the issue of Negroes."

#### Issue Exploited

Mrs. Silver said the discrimination issue was being exploited far beyond its merits—mainly for propaganda and publicity.

She testified that once, after she had hired a young woman office worker for two weeks, Dr. Schoen and a party lawyer visited the office.

"They told me to discharge her immediately," Mrs. Silver said, "because she had been a party member but was now a Trotskyite and Fascist—dangerous."

"I told them I was still living in the United States and nobody was going to try to tell me how to run my office."

"Did she continue working?" asked Combs.

"Yes," said Mrs. Silver. "About three years."

In her tabulation of Communist Party members Mrs. Silver testified that Dr. Perry was a party organizer and tried to get her to become more active as a Red. (Dr. Perry, a pediatrician, was discharged two years ago from Cedars of Lebanon Hospital. Earlier this week he refused to tell the Senate committee if he has ever been a Communist.)

Mrs. Silver said the fomenting of phony issues and a gradual realization that the party was not run by Americans but was dictated to by the Soviet Union made her upset. Finally, when the Communists invaded South Korea and she learned Russian labels were on the invaders' equipment, she called the FBI and informed it she wanted to "confess."

When Combs asked if any particular office buildings in Los Angeles have a large concentration of Communist doctors, she named one which Communist Party members actually built and the Community Medical Center. She said she was present at the first organizational meetings of the Community Medical Center.

She said she does not know the present status of the other building.

Mrs. Silver said her identification of Reds has been hazardous. After she first appeared at House hearings in Washington, some disgruntled foes tried to block patients from entering her Los Angeles office and others tried to trap her by attempting to arrange illegal operations.

Mrs. Drader, who resides at 457 W. California St., Glendale, said the State Senate committee employed her since

late in 1950. She affiliated with the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council, successor of the Progressive Citizens of America, Dec. 2, 1950, and served for a year on the executive board of its medical division.

In the scores of meetings of left-wing groups she listed to identify the presence of the State Senate committee's "unfriendly witnesses," she said some were marked by addresses of Mr. Fritchman and the House committee's "unfriendly witnesses"—Paul Jarrico, John Howard Lawson, Dalton Trumbo and Herbert Biberman.

Mrs. Drader recalled one dinner sponsored by the "constitutional rights committee" of the ASPC and attended by

almost 300 in the Starlight Room of the Hollywood Athletic Club May 5, 1952.

(May 5, a day often chosen for left-wing celebrations, is the birthday anniversary of Karl Marx.)

#### Standing Ovation

She said the throng gave a standing ovation to William Schneiderman, whom the FBI identified as the national head of the Communist Party, and Ben Dobbs, former organizational secretary of the party in Los Angeles County.

These two men were then, on trial—and later convicted—for violating the Smith Act by conspiring to teach and advocate the overthrow of the U.S. government by force and violence.

Mrs. Drader testified that Martin Hall, a lecturer-journalist working under direction of an Arts, Sciences and Professions Council "Peace Committee" headed by Dr. Richard Lippman, aided doctors in preparing talks of 10 minutes to an hour on subjects like "Can You Live with the Atom?"

#### Dodged Queries

Hall and Dr. Lippman previously had refused to answer the State Senate committee's question as to whether they had ever been Communists. Hall also dodged queries regarding onetime membership in the Young Communist League in Germany and work on the national executive board of Kottufra, German youth movement.

Mrs. Drader's testimony was a veritable log of Red and left-wing meetings for four years, documented by

dues payments, programs, receipts, books, souvenirs, identification cards, photostats and letters. There were frequent references to meetings at Mr. Fritchman's church, the First Unitarian.

The hearing will resume at 9:30 a.m. today in Room 709 of the State Building. It will close with testimony by Mrs. Drader and two other "friendly" witnesses.

# Red Leaning at Medical Center Told to Probers

Woman Undercover Agent Testifies  
on Meetings in Fritchman's Church

Names of 57 doctors who have practiced at the Community Medical Center, described in testimony as having a "large concentration of Communist physicians and surgeons," were listed yesterday at the closing hearings of the State Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities.

Dr. Marden Alsberg and the committee counsel, Richard E. Combs, explained that all 57 are not Reds. One, listed on the staff in 1951, is Dr. Sydney M. Kolodny, who testified earlier that he quit the center at 1236 S Lake St. because he didn't like its pro-Communist leanings.

## 17 Balk at Testifying

On the list of 57, however, are many of the 17 witnesses who have refused to say whether they have ever been Communist. The list of 57 includes nine doctors identified as fellow Communists in years past by Dr. Omer B. Barkley and Dr. Louise Light Silver.

Drs. Barkley and Silver, who have quit the Communist

Party, testified Friday. Dr. Silver, onetime organizer and county section delegate for the party, told how she attended the original meetings at which Communists organized the center.

## Surprise Witness

It is operated by the Community Medical Foundation, whose president is the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, pastor of the First Unitarian Church.

Mr. Fritchman has been named in many State and Federal reports on un-American activities. Mrs. Ruth Drader, the surprise Mrs. X witness at the State hearings, testified that she attended many Red front meetings at his church. The brunet divorcee, an X-ray technician, completed her

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testimony yesterday by describing the 111 meetings she attended during the last four years as a State Senate committee employee under the name of "Jane Dawson."

"Each and every one of the organizations was not only Communist dominated and controlled but they were what is commonly known as Communist 'front' groups. They aided and abetted the Communist Party in every instance to the detriment of this country."

Typical of the Red fronts, she testified, were the Southern California Peace Crusade, the Negro Labor Council, the Civil Rights Congress, the Committee for Medical Freedom, the Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born, the Women for Legislative Action, the Committee Against Discrimination, the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy and the Los Angeles Committee for Justice for the Rosenbergs.

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Mrs. Drader quoted Mrs. Abowitz as deploring a "lack of discipline." As the conversation continued, Eugenia Wolfson, a member of the ASPC medical division executive board, said she intended to visit the UCLA atomic research experimental laboratory "as often as possible."

Miss Wolfson had worked formerly both at this laboratory and at the Cedars of Lebanon research laboratory. Mrs. Drader said Miss Wolfson was determined to continue visits to the UCLA center to get information for the ASPC's "Peace Committee" propaganda.

Dr. Alsberg, formerly a Medical Corps lieutenant colonel, served overseas in three theaters during World War II and was attached to the military intelligence.

The Glendale physician found his overseas counter-subversive experience valuable when he returned home to find Communists infiltrating the medical profession.

He became incensed when he heard one speaker tell a meeting of Los Angeles physicians and dentists that a proposed loyalty oath was worse than Nazi persecution under Hitler.

Dr. Alsberg said he told the throng at this "emergency meeting" May 31, 1949, that he arrived at a "liquidation" camp at Flossenberg in the Ruhr campaign to find 100 bodies stacked at a huge crematory.

### New Dangers in U.S.

"We pulled out 14 miserable souls still breathing," he said. "Then I returned home to find a far more dangerous and elaborate infiltration into American life than the Nazis had ever been able to achieve."

Dr. Alsberg testified that Dr. Wilbert Z. Gordon, chairman of the meeting fighting the loyalty oath, subsequently nominated Dr. Joseph Hittleman as a member of the council or policymaking body of the Los Angeles County Medical Association. Dr. Gordon and Dr. Hittleman both were identified by ex-Communist Friday as Communist Party members in past years.

Asked about left-wing witnesses' boasts that the Com-

munity Medical Center is the "only low-cost interracial clinic" in Los Angeles, Dr. Alsberg said:

"There are in Los Angeles County roughly 200 clinics, attached to hospitals or separate, for the care of citizens who are unable to pay part or any of the medical fee. They are staffed by doctors who charge a small fee or none at all."

Dr. Alsberg explained that doctors contributed more than 1,700,000 hours a year without charge at such clinics.

Dr. Alsberg said the County Medical Association asked the State Senate Committee to investigate because it wants to wipe out all Reds from the medical profession.

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division, the science and education division and the arts, architecture and engineering division of the Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. She was on the executive board of the ASP medical division for a year.

(Combs said the State Senate committee, headed by Sen. Hugh M. Burns, has found the ASP council is "a basic Communist front with a long record of succession from other Communist fronts." Combs said the Red background included the old Hollywood Democratic Committee, the National Citizens Political Action Committee and the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.)

### Hits Lax Discipline

Mrs. Drader described conversations at a typical ASPC medical division meeting. At a home Aug. 23, 1951, Mrs. Eleanor Abowitz accused Dr. Max Schoen of "deviating" because he first objected as to who should sign a proposed letter to all doctors and dentists in the county. This letter was to seek sympathy for witnesses due to appear be-

tion honest, corrupt colleagues be exposed, he added.

In civil defense and in atomic research, Dr. Alsberg pointed out, doctors hold key positions. In war, one-third to one-half of all doctors eligible for military service are put in uniform. "They must have access to strategic plans and tactics at all times," he said as another warning against Communist infiltration.

Dr. Edward Goodlaw, optometrist who was one of the 27 listed Friday by Dr. Barker and Dr. Silver as Communists in former years, yesterday said, "This is typical mudslinging that precedes the attempt to substitute political standards for professional qualifications."

Sen. Burns said he hopes the hearings have slowed up Red infiltration by "exposure." He thanked the Sheriff's Department, various police departments and the press for co-operation.

Burns and Combs both praised Dr. Alsberg. Mrs. Drader and other co-operative witnesses whose help was in striking contrast to

witnesses

that of hostile witnesses who joined the committee. Sen. Burns said he was publicly thanking Mrs. Drader on behalf of the entire State Senate for outstanding work for four years as an undercover agent. Her employment will continue and she will remain under indefinite subpoena.

Combs said another hearing will be held sometime in the future at which the wife of an unnamed physician will present "voluminous evidence" which "opens up new areas not yet exploited."



# More physicians defy witchhunters

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9—Dr. Richard W. Lippman, nationally famed kidney specialist, charged before the Burns state un-American committee today that a clique of fascist-minded doctors in control of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. engineered his firing from the Cedars of Lebanon hospital in 1951.

Dr. Lippman, subpoenaed as an "unfriendly" witness, told the un-Americans he is considering legal action against the "clique" because he holds them primarily responsible for the firing—"the hospital board was not primarily responsible," he said, "its members were just too weak to resist the pressure."

Another highlight of the fourth day of the hearings was the testimony of widely-known Negro physician, Dr. P. Price Cobbs, who told the senators he was convinced the reason he was hauled before the inquisition was because he had long been actively interested in ending discrimi-

nation in hospitals against Negroes and other minorities.

Four leading medical practitioners were called at the morning session. Besides Lippman and Cobbs they were Dr. Joseph Hittleman and Dr. Saul Matlin. All refused to answer witchhunting queries under protection of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Dr. Lippman testified he was trained at Yale University, specializing in kidney and high blood pressure diseases, had supervised opening of the first kidney clinic in the Southwest part of the U.S. at Cedars of Lebanon hospital, and was fired from the hospital and the clinical work he was directing in December 1951, along with two other staff doctors, Murray Abowitz and Alexander Pennes.

They were dismissed after having been pilloried before the House Un-American Committee some months earlier, he recalled.

"I now have learned," he testified, "that it was some of the leaders of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. who intervened to get me dismissed. . . . I have under advisement at this time a legal suit against these Association leaders."

## TELLS OF WORK

He detailed the work of the kidney clinic, which was shut down after his dismissal. He had half a dozen persons working under him in research, he said, and was responsible for the expenditure of large government grants of money assigned to the work.

"I was not allowed even to enter the clinic building after my dismissal," said Lippman. "My patients lined up in front of the office, standing in great pain, waiting for me. I was unable to attend them."

In the two years since, he charged, work in this field of alleviating kidney diseases in Los Angeles and Southern California has been seriously arrested as a result of his firing and the closing of the clinic.

"Many, many persons with curable kidney ailments have been allowed to suffer unnecessarily as a result," he said. "It is not very moral to deny patients every possible chance for life and health. Yet this is what has happened."

## DR. COBBS' TESTIMONY

Dr. Cobbs, Negro community leader, refused to answer committee questions relating to organizations in which he held membership, but he told the committee:

"I live and practice in a section of the lowest paid minority group. I am keenly sensitive to the problems of my people. All the people need more adequate low-cost medical services, but the Negro people, because of this discrimination from which they suffer, need it even more desperately."

## MORE CHARGES

"The purpose of this hearing is to attack and destroy those who are doing the most to achieve that objective. I cannot and will not help anyone . . . in such an unwarranted attack."

Dr. Hittleman also charged the committee with attacks upon certain doctors at the "instigation of leaders in the Los Angeles County Medical Assn."

He identified himself as part of a 1949 opposition slate which ran for office within the medical group.

"They opposed our three-point program of more democracy, and to end racial discrimination, and greater emphasis on humanitarian goals," Dr. Hittleman said, adding:

"Nearly 1,000 doctors voted, however, for that program along with 783 who opposed the loyalty oath."

Earlier, Drs. Murray Abowitz and Justin Frank were excused from appearing before the committee at the request of their counsel.

It was the second day that medical men had refused to bow before the un-American committee chaired by State Sen. Hugh Burns of Fresno, with Richard Combs as committee counsel.

Late Wednesday the committee directed its attempted smear largely at the Community Medical Center, only interracial low cost medical clinic in the county.

Witnesses included Martin Hall, Hollywood lecturer; Dr. Murray Korngold, clinical psychologist; Kenneth Hartford, business administrator of the Community Medical Center, and Mrs. Rose Boyd who was active in organizing a testimonial dinner some time ago for Rev. Stephen Fritchman, chairman of the Community Medical Center.

## NAZI REFUGEE

Hall told of having fled Nazi Germany in 1937 and becoming a U.S. naturalized citizen in 1945. He was questioned concerning his activities in Germany in 1923.

"I cannot understand," he replied, "what that has to do with the announced purpose of this hearing; namely, the investigation of alleged Communist infiltration of alleged Communist infiltration."

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tration in the Los Angeles medical profession, and therefore I decline to answer on grounds of the Fifth Amendment."

Burns objected. He referred to Hall as a "refugee from Nazi Germany" here to tell the committee "how to run constitutional government." Hall answered:

"When I was granted U.S. citizenship, the judge told us never to allow anyone to impose lesser rights on us than granted other citizens."

Hall, a public lecturer, declined to answer questions about the Civil Rights Congress, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, the California Labor School or the Communist party.

## PSYCHOLOGIST CALLED

Next witness to defy the inquisitors was Dr. Korngold, clinical psychologist and leader in the fight to free Wesley Robert Wells. He said:

"It is morally impermissible for anyone, whether freely or under duress, to give names to an inquisitorial body which will then proceed to harass and persecute honest people on the basis of such information."

"In a word, it is in the deepest sense un-American to be a stoolpigeon, an informer, a Judas Iscariot, however much in vogue such persons may be at this time."

Dr. Korngold attacked the committee for "poisoning the public mind against ending racial discrimination" by its attacks on the Community Medical Center, which he said was the sole inter-racial medical clinic serving low-income groups in the community.

## WITNESS APPLAUDED

Mrs. Boyd brought applause from the large audience after stating reasons for declining to tell whether she attended a testimonial banquet honoring Rev. Stephen Fritchman, community medical center chairman. She said:

"This is a mad world. We're living in an atmosphere where the mere knowing of another may open us to criminal prosecution. This great man (Reverend Fritchman) has been pilloried before this committee."

"I have a son who I shall raise in the spirit of justice and right. I, his mother, will never inform on other people, nor will I ever place my personal welfare above that of the welfare of the majority."

## AIDING MONOPOLY

Kenneth Hartford, Medical Center business administrator, charged the committee with "lending assistance to a self-seeking endeavor by those leaders of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. to more firmly establish a lucrative . . . monopoly over the alleviation of pain and suffering due to illness."

Hartford invoked the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer questions relating to organizations with which he might be associated.

Dr. Franklin Bissel of Alhambra was represented in his absence by Atty. Fred Okrand.

Okrand told the committee that if the doctor had been able to attend he would decline to answer questions of membership in various organizations, including the Communist party, by invoking the Fifth Amendment.

Earlier, Mrs. Jack Flasher and Morris Feder refused to answer committee questions on similar grounds.

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## Medics 'fight back' rally slated for Monday night

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9 — Members of the medical profession who this week defied the witchhunt of the state senate Un-American Committee will be guests of honor at a fight-back meeting at 8 p.m. Monday at the Alexander hotel.

Sponsored by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, the rally will organize

support for those who "are being persecuted because they have fought within the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. for an end to discrimination in Los Angeles hospitals, for lower cost medical care, and for more democratic procedures in the county medical association itself," said Rev. A. A. Heist, chairman of the citizens committee.

Meanwhile the Langston Law Club, professional organization of Negro attorneys, sent a sharply worded telegram of protest to the un-Americans. The wire challenged contention of

friendly committee witnesses that "no discrimination against minorities exists in Los Angeles hospitals."

The telegram was signed by the club's president, Atty. Edward Maddox.

Among those who will speak at the Monday evening "fight-back" meeting will be Lucius W. Lomax Jr., publisher of The Los Angeles Tribune; Ignacio Lopez, editor of El Espectador; Rev. Stephen S. Fritchmar of the First Unitarian church; and Rev. Heist, who will preside at the affair.

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The above hearings were held December 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11th, 1954, in the California State Building, Los Angeles. Committee consisted of:

Senator HUGH M. BURNS, Chairman  
Senator JOHN THOMPSON  
Senator JOHN F. McCARTHY

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Mr. RICHARD E. COMBS, Chief Counsel

One of the committeemen announced that this investigation was requested by the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION for information regarding organized Communist infiltration of the medical profession.

DECEMBER 6, 1954, 9:30AM

Counsel COMBS called [redacted] to the witness stand. [redacted] LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION and that on June 1, 1953, the Medical Association adopted a resolution declaring that Communist Party membership was incompatible with the ethics of the medical profession. The resolution proposed a Constitutional amendment to be submitted to the membership which would require a loyalty oath for membership in the Association.

Mr. COMBS read into the record the names of doctors he said had been identified as Communists by witnesses who appeared before the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, or who had refused to tell the Committee whether or not they had ever been members of the Communist Party. He listed them as follows: [redacted]

[redacted] testified that [redacted] of the doctors named by Senator COMBS were members of the Medical Association, but did not identify them. [redacted] stated that the medical profession was a primary target of the Communist conspiracy and the Medical Association had resolved to clean its own skirts and expose the reds in the profession so that the public might know who they are. He said that as good Americans he felt they should do this and that the Medical Association had asked this Committee to help it because of the work many of the doctors are engaged in, such as atomic research and civil defense.

Mr. COMBS told the Committee that the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital had met considerable pressure when it discharged three staff doctors who had defied the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities. [redacted] collaborated this testimony. Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he was ever a Communist Party member. [redacted] replied, "Hell, no." Mr. COMBS then asked if he had any objections to this question. [redacted] replied that he did not because the Communist Party has made it necessary that all of the Association members be asked this question. Mr. COMBS then excused [redacted]

Mr. COMBS then called [redacted] to the stand. [redacted] testified that [redacted] the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION and that the Association has 6,200 members, and of this membership, a little over 50 members had signed a petition opposing the loyalty oath before it was adopted by the Association. [redacted] said the minority group of the Association polled a considerable vote during the elections. He said the Association has had the loyalty oath for about three years, and personally advocated that all professional groups make identical demands on their groups. Mr. COMBS asked if he had ever been a Communist Party member. [redacted] replied, "No". Mr. COMBS excused [redacted]

[redacted] and then called [redacted]

[redacted] testified that [redacted] the State and County Medical Associations. He stated that efforts of the Communist Party to control the County group climaxed in 1949 when a Communist-supported slate of candidates for offices was defeated. The defeated slate still polled 20% of the votes. [redacted] stated that the University of California became so alarmed over the Communist infiltration into the ASSOCIATION OF INTERNES AND MEDICAL STUDENTS that it abolished the Association's chapter on the campus. [redacted] testified he was not now or had ever been a Communist Party member. Mr. COMBS excused [redacted] and called [redacted]

[redacted] testified [redacted] the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION and that [redacted]

[redacted] He said he first became aware that the medical profession was singled out for Communist infiltration in the year [redacted] He said that at that time he was approached to join an organization called [redacted]

[redacted] testified that he was of [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that he was [redacted] in Los Angeles County. [redacted] further stated that he had attended meetings of the ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS COUNCIL and the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD in the year [redacted] and had seen and heard members of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION speak there, and that these speakers were being called before this Committee as "unfriendly witnesses." He named one as being [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had seen the Communist conspiracy at first hand [redacted] He said that the medical section of the A.S.P. had mailed letters to different hospitals asking about segregation. These letters were in questionnaire form. [redacted] said that of the 8,000 doctors in Los Angeles County, 6,000 belonged to the Medical Association. Of the 2,000 who were not members, only a small percentage were Negroes. He went on to say that if a Negro doctor, or any doctor of a minority group, joins the organization, he makes a special effort to welcome this person and asks the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Association to do the same with the doctor's wife. He gave his reason for this as being that he had found that people of the minority races "carry a chip on their shoulder." [redacted]

[redacted] testified that during one of the front meetings he had attended, a speaker asked the audience to call upon the Community Chest to

withhold funds from any hospital that had refused to answer the questionnaires sent out by the ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS COUNCIL. Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he was a Communist Party member and [redacted] replied, "No." Mr. COMBS then excused [redacted] and called [redacted]

[redacted] testified that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had attended different front meetings, and of these, one was called the COMMITTEE FOR MEDICAL FREEDOM. He said that at this meeting he was shocked at the charges made against the Government and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He said the meeting was [redacted]

He stated this foundation operates the COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER. [redacted] said he was surprised to hear [redacted] state to the approximate crowd of 1,000 persons that [redacted] would be a suitable man for President of the United States. [redacted] further stated that when he attended these meetings he took notes. He said that at one meeting he attended, [redacted] members of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital medical staff were speakers. He listed them as [redacted]

[redacted] He said they described their [redacted] as an example of persecution and linked it to the conditions in Germany under Hitler's regime. Mr. COMBS identified [redacted] for the record by saying that he was one of the "unfriendly witnesses who stood on the Fifth Amendment during the [redacted] Congressional investigations here." Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he was ever a Communist Party member, and [redacted] replied, "No." Mr. COMBS then excused [redacted]

Mr. COMBS then recessed the hearing until 9:30AM, December 7, 1954.

Investigators observed the following persons in attendance at this hearing:

DECEMBER 7, 1954, 9:30AM

Mr. COMBS called [redacted] to the witness stand. [redacted] testified that he is [redacted]

He said that there

are [redacted]

He stated that in [redacted] there was a question raised about the loyalty oath and the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION passed a resolution requiring all members take the loyalty oath. He stated that in [redacted] a letter came into his possession announcing a meeting was to be held at the Hollywood Women's Club and sponsored by the EMERGENCY MEDICAL COMMITTEE; that this letter was signed by a number of doctors he knew. He said he had heard that the EMERGENCY MEDICAL COMMITTEE was a leftist group. He stated that he and another member decided to attend, but received a call from a lady who said she was a member of the Hollywood Women's Club and they did not want the meeting to be held in their building. [redacted] said that later on he received a telephone call that the meeting was to be held as scheduled. [redacted] said he went to that meeting and the tenor of the meeting was, "Why Professional Men Should Not Take the Loyalty Oath." He

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stated that approximately 200 persons attended, and that in November of 1949, when the Medical Association was nominating officers for the Association, [redacted] doctors who had been prominent in the EMERGENCY MEDICAL COMMITTEE meeting were nominated for offices, and that this, to him, indicated a pattern of infiltration. He continued by saying that as a group the Medical Association felt they could not combat this situation alone and that they should ask for help. He said the Association had discussed this with all its members and the members were in favor of this Committee's hearings. Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he was ever a Communist Party member. [redacted] answered, "No." Mr. COMBS then excused [redacted] and called [redacted]

[redacted] testified that [redacted]

[redacted] said that in 1917 the Communists moved into China and began to indoctrinate the people there. He said that in 1925 the Communists almost took over in China. They did not succeed, so they went underground. In the year of 1950 they took China by force. [redacted]

[redacted] said he doubts if more than 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 of China's population, of which there are more than 500,000,000, are Communists, but the minority seized control of the army and the government.

Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] about his [redacted] and he said he thought the Communist pattern was the same everywhere and would be the same here in the United States if the Communists took over. Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he was ever a Communist Party member. [redacted] replied, "No." Mr. COMBS excused [redacted] and called [redacted] to the stand.

[redacted] testified that he was [redacted] and that he was a member of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION since [redacted]. He said the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION was very definite in policy against the Communist Party and could be found in Chapter Eight of the Medical Association's by-laws. [redacted] said that since [redacted] he has become aware of the Communist infiltration of the medical profession. He said that in [redacted] he

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attended a meeting with [redacted] and the tenor of the  
meeting was to protest the discharge of [redacted] doctors from the Cedars of  
Lebanon Hospital. He said he believed the Communists a real threat and he  
was in accord with the Committee on this hearing. Mr. COMBS asked [redacted]  
[redacted] if he was now or ever had been a Communist Party member. [redacted]  
[redacted] answered, "No." Mr. COMBS excused [redacted] and called [redacted]

[redacted] testified that [redacted] and had  
been since [redacted] and was a member of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that the AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Conference,  
held in Florida this year, proposed a resolution, which was adopted, which  
authorized the discharge of any member who was a Communist or who refused  
to sign the loyalty oath. [redacted]

[redacted] He said that they did not want witchhunts, but wanted it done in an  
orderly manner and by official agencies. [redacted] said he found men in the  
medical profession who didn't seem to have love of their country in their  
hearts, and men who held objections to taking a loyalty oath. He said he  
could not understand that. [redacted]

[redacted] said he was alarmed to the Communist danger after hearing such  
people as [redacted] tell the people that "our country rules worse than  
Germany at the time of Hitler's reign". Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he  
was ever a Communist Party member. [redacted] replied, "No." Mr. COMBS  
excused [redacted] and called [redacted] to the witness stand.

[redacted] He said he thought the staff of  
the COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER to be "leftist". He said that in October of  
1950 there was a charge brought against the Queen of Angels Hospital regard-  
ing race segregation. [redacted] said such charges were false, and said

[redacted] said he believed the racial segregation  
charges were nothing but Communist propaganda. Mr. COMBS asked [redacted]  
if he was a Communist Party member, and [redacted] answered, "No", and Mr.  
COMBS excused him and called [redacted]

[redacted] stood before the  
Committee. [redacted] asked the Committee to postpone his client's  
appearance as he hadn't had time to consult with him. Senator BURNS  
granted postponement and ordered [redacted] to appear [redacted]



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hearing will stand for itself and that the Committee could get a copy of the record if they wished. Mr. COMBS said the Committee already had the record. Senator BURNS asked the hearing reporter to read the question again about the ASSOCIATION OF INTERNES AND MEDICAL STUDENTS. [redacted] again refused to answer this question and gave a five-minute oration on his Constitutional rights. Senator BURNS ruled that [redacted] did not answer the question and instructed him to answer. [redacted] again refused to answer. Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he was now or ever had been a member of the Communist Party. [redacted] stated he would refuse to answer the question because it was "a typical question of a McCarthyite Committee." He said he would not cooperate with any group "which attempts to bring fascism into this country." [redacted] further stated he would like "for this country to be as it was in the days of such great men as THOMAS PAINE, THOMAS JEFFERSON, and FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT." He went on to say he would stand on his Constitutional rights as given to him under Section Nine, Article One, and Section Thirteen, Article One, of the California State Constitution and the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Mr. COMBS then asked if it was not a fact that [redacted]

[redacted] said that the Committee's LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION "snoops" had given this committee misinformation [redacted]

Mr. COMBS asked [redacted]

[redacted] made a speech about abuse and criticized hospitals, and said that if the Committee wanted to know about discrimination, it should read a pamphlet entitled, "YOURS FOR A GENUINE BROTHERHOOD". Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he knew who issued this pamphlet. He refused to answer the question and said that it was a provocative one. Mr. COMBS said, "It is you who brought the pamphlet up in the first place." [redacted] refused to answer again. Senator COMBS asked if he was ever a member of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. The doctor said he was not, but had made application in [redacted] Mr. COMBS asked if he was a member of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS. [redacted] refused to answer this question [redacted]

[redacted] was then asked if he had ever attended any of the following meetings. [redacted]

[redacted] refused to answer, standing on his constitutional grounds [redacted]

Mr. COMBS called [redacted] to the witness stand. [redacted] testified that he was [redacted] said that the AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION expels Communists and anyone advocating Marxism and Leninism. [redacted] the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION on its action to expel from its membership all Communists or any member who followed the Communist Party line. Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he was ever a Communist Party member, and [redacted] answered, "No", and he was excused. Senator COMBS then called [redacted] to the witness stand.

[redacted] He said that the Communist infiltration of the medical profession was dangerous. [redacted] stated he had been a member of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION since [redacted] Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he was ever a Communist Party member and he replied, "No". Mr. COMBS excused [redacted] and called [redacted] to the witness stand.

[redacted] stated that any Communist in the medical profession could be very dangerous because he could transfer information and give away our methods of defense. He said, "Our defense program is of major importance. Defense information is just as vital as our attack." [redacted] all persons engaged in this work are thoroughly screened by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Senator COMBS asked [redacted] if he was ever a Communist, and [redacted] replied, "No", at which time he was dismissed by Mr. COMBS.

Senator BURNS recessed the Committee hearing until 9:30AM, December 8, 1954.

Investigators observed the following persons in attendance at this hearing:

DECEMBER 8, 1954, 9:30AM

Mr. COMBS called [redacted] to the witness stand. [redacted] testified that [redacted]

Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he had heard of an organization called the ASSOCIATION OF INTERNES AND MEDICAL STUDENTS. [redacted] said he thought this was not a proper question and it would start "a reign of terror and abrogate free speech." The doctor made a long speech to the Committee about free speech and the Committee's alleged abuse of American freedoms, and further stated that the health of the people is being hurt by such investigational bodies as this Committee.

Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he recalled being identified as a member of the Communist Party by a witness who appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in [redacted] said the record of that



[redacted]  
[redacted] refused to answer this question. Mr. COMBS ex-  
cused [redacted] and told the Committee that [redacted]

[redacted] answer all questions "no" invoking the Fifth Amendment. Senator  
BURNS then read into the record that [redacted] had been identified as a  
Communist Party member by the House Committee on Un-American Activities  
in 1952. Mr. COMBS asked, if on May 4, 1952, [redacted] attended a  
"CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS DINNER" sponsored by the ARTS, SCIENCES AND PRO-  
FESSIONS COUNCIL, and at which dinner [redacted]  
were chief speakers. [redacted] refused to answer on [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. COMBS excused [redacted] and called [redacted]

Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] did he belong  
to the [redacted] refused to  
answer the questions and invoked the Fifth Amendment. Mr. COMBS asked if

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] refused to answer. Mr. COMBS asked [REDACTED] if he was now or ever had been a member of the Communist Party. [REDACTED] refused to answer. COMBS excused [REDACTED] and called [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] refused to answer and stated that he believed these institutions to be genuinely devoted to the welfare of the community. He said that the "Cadillac Clique" wants to destroy the COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER because it provides low cost medical care for the lower income people.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was asked if he was ever a member of the Communist Party. [REDACTED] refused to answer. Mr. COMBS excused [REDACTED] and called [REDACTED] to the witness stand.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. COMBS asked her if she was now or ever had been a member of the Communist Party. She refused to answer, invoking the Fifth Amendment. Mr. COMBS excused [REDACTED] and called [REDACTED] to the witness stand.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he believed he had done no wrong and that the COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER was an organization of pre-paid medical service and the AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION was trying to do away with this center. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr. COMBS asked him if he had ever attended any of the following meetings: [REDACTED] PEOPLE'S EDUCATIONAL CENTER, Los Angeles; [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL; [REDACTED] the CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL; [REDACTED] AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY; [REDACTED] COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER. [REDACTED] refused to answer. Mr. COMBS asked him if he had seen a booklet

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entitled, "YOURS FOR GENUINE BROTHERHOOD". [REDACTED]

Mr. COMBS

asked him if he had ever been a member of the Communist Party; again he refused to answer. COMBS excused [REDACTED] and called [REDACTED] to the witness stand.

[REDACTED] would not answer any of the Committee's questions and would stand on his Constitutional rights.

[REDACTED] was allowed the same action on behalf of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Senator BURNS then recessed the hearing until December 9, 1954 [REDACTED]

Investigators observed the following persons in the audience: [REDACTED]

DECEMBER 9, 1954, 9:30AM

[REDACTED] further said that the Committee could do more good by making the Medical Association more democratic and see that the hospitals are forced to change their policies on racial segregation, as the Los Angeles Fire Department has been made to do. [REDACTED] stated that on the vote by the Medical Association, over a thousand or more votes were cast, and of these there were 783 voting against the loyalty oath. He asked if these 783 doctors should then be called

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Communists. He said that the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION has  
"an axe to grind and that is why they called for this hearing." He said  
from the statements he had read in the press, he wished to thank the  
Committee for its conduct, as it was not like the Senator from Wisconsin.  
Mr. COMBS asked [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the election of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION was not legal and there was an organized effort by the  
officers against individuals. After an exchange of words between Senator  
BURNS and [redacted] charged that the Committee and the  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION were depriving him of his livelihood.  
He claimed the protection of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution and de-  
clared that all the questions being asked were "unlawful". He charged the  
AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION with running afoul of the law, and that they  
were making it impossible for pre-paid medical plans to exist. [redacted]

[redacted] said that in 1929 the Ross-Loos Plan was a good example where doctors  
were expelled for their political beliefs. He said he did not want to  
leave the impression that he believed the AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION was  
no good, but he felt that the higher echelons and the "cigar-smoking  
lobbyists in Sacramento" were the ones at fault. Mr. COMBS asked [redacted]  
[redacted] if he was ever a member of the Communist Party in Los Angeles  
attached to the County Medical Unit in the year [redacted]

[redacted] refused to answer. Mr. COMBS asked if [redacted]

[redacted] was  
then excused by the chairman, and [redacted] was called as the  
next witness.

[redacted] he had read in newspaper stories the quotes  
of officials of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION that they were  
instrumental in getting doctors discharged from Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

[redacted] H  
said that he did not think the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital was at fault.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] asked Chairman BURNS if he had made statements on television the night before to the effect that the Committee didn't have to rely on the present witnesses for information, but had its own sources. Senator BURNS reminded [REDACTED] that the Committee was doing the investigating and not [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said he would like to answer the Committee's questions, but felt that it was an invasion of his rights to speak or be silent, and an invasion of his rights of association. He said he claimed the privilege of the U.S. and California State constitutions. He further said that this hearing was depriving him of his right to earn his livelihood and that this Committee was assembled unlawfully. Mr. COMBS asked if it were not true [REDACTED] refused to answer on the same grounds. Mr. COMBS asked the witness if he is now or ever had been a member of the Communist Party or the COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION. [REDACTED] refused to answer on the same grounds.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was then excused, and [REDACTED] was called as the next witness.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] refused to answer and said he believed this was an invasion of his rights and claimed the privilege of the Constitution in refusing to answer. [REDACTED] then refused to answer the following

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he had given his reasons for not answering questions and considered all these questions improper and out of order, and that the Committee was trying to prove some kind of guilt by association. [REDACTED] was excused, and [REDACTED] was called as the next witness.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] refused to answer questions, and claimed the immunity of the Constitution, and refused to answer the following questions:

[REDACTED]

Senator BURNS then recessed the hearing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

During testimony, [REDACTED] agreed to stipulation that refusal to answer any question would be based on Article I, Section IX, X, and XIII of the

California Constitution and Articles I and V of the United States Constitution. [redacted] further stated that he thought this Committee was an illegally constituted Committee and any questions were an infringement on his rights. Mr. COMBS, Committee Counsel, put the following questions to [redacted]

All of the aforementioned questions [redacted] refused to answer on previously stated grounds. On some questions, Chairman BURNS instructed [redacted] that the grounds were insufficient and instructed the witness to answer. The witness still refused, on the same grounds.

The next witness to be called was [redacted]

This witness refused to answer on various grounds, including infringements on [redacted] rights of free speech and assembly, and this committee is a trial of political beliefs; that this Committee is illegally constituted; and further refused on grounds of Articles I and V of the U.S. Constitution, and Article I, Section IX, X, and XIII of the California Constitution. The witness was asked the following series of questions, [redacted] refused to answer on the aforementioned grounds:

[redacted] Are you now a member  
of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association.

The next witness called was [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was then asked the following series of questions, all of which he declined to answer on the grounds of Articles I and V of the U.S. Constitution and Articles I, Sections IX, X, and XIII of the California Constitution.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was the next witness scheduled to appear before this Committee. [REDACTED] who stated that [REDACTED] A stipulation was agreed to that [REDACTED] were present and was asked certain questions, he would refuse to answer on Constitutional grounds. Preliminary questions revealed that the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was then asked the following questions in absentia, which, according to the above stipulation, he refused to answer:

[REDACTED]

Those observed attending the hearing on this date, who have been known to be associated with leftwing activities, are: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DECEMBER 10, 1954, 9:30AM

The hearing was held in Room 700 of the State Building. The Committee called [REDACTED] witness, [REDACTED] was a friendly witness and answered all questions. [REDACTED] stated that he was recruited into the Communist Party by [REDACTED] and left the Communist Party in [REDACTED]. He told no one that he was leaving, but that he just became inactive. [REDACTED] identified as Communist Party members: [REDACTED] and others. Mr. COMBS asked [REDACTED] if he was acquainted with [REDACTED]. He replied that he

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knew him as the [redacted] of the [redacted] Mr.  
COMBS asked the witness if there were many Communist Party members on the  
[redacted] the COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER; he replied, "I would say so, yes."  
[redacted] stated that he left the COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER [redacted]  
Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] if he was familiar with the newspaper, the  
DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD. [redacted] replied that he was and had observed this  
paper at the COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER.

[redacted] was excused and the next witness, [redacted] was  
called. [redacted] stated that she had appeared as a witness before the  
House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D.C., in [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that she had joined the Communist Party in the  
[redacted] She had felt a need to do something about the inequalities exist-  
ing at the time, particularly in regard to the Negro problem in the  
hospitals. She further stated that there is a problem. She said that she  
felt at the time that the Communist Party was doing some good. She said  
that after talking to [redacted] who was a Communist  
Party member, she decided to join the Medical Branch of the Communist Party.  
[redacted] explained that the Professional Section of the Communist Party  
contained teachers, lawyers, doctors, etc. They met once a week and shifted  
their meetings from place to place. They generally discussed party  
activities and finances for the Communist Party. She said that it was de-  
cided that four percent of a doctor's income should be paid as dues. At  
the meetings they also discussed recruitment. [redacted] told how  
progressive doctors would give free medical treatment to families of  
strikers, and also free medical treatment to functionaries of the Communist  
Party who received a very small salary.

[redacted] said that she knew the following as Communist Party members in  
her section: [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] said that she was [redacted] in the [redacted] of the  
Communist Party from [redacted] She  
said she spent a lot of time in this capacity and attended many meetings and  
functions.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was criticized for not being active  
enough by the top officials of the L.A. County Communist Party. They  
weren't happy with the doctors regarding the Negroes and hospitals issue.  
During a Communist Party meeting, [redacted] brought up this  
problem and suggested that the Communist Party make an issue of Negro  
people in hospitals.

[redacted] related an incident with functionaries of the Communist Party  
when they attempted to tell her how to run her office. A delegation, includ-  
ing [redacted]  
called on her at her office and told her that she must discharge her  
[redacted]  
They accused [redacted] of being a Trotskyite and Fascist. [redacted]  
told the delegation that this was still the United States and that she had  
the right to run her own office.

There was another conference regarding this situation later with [redacted]

[redacted] also a Communist Party member in the Professional Section. [redacted]

[redacted] RELATED that [redacted]  
[redacted] phoned her and wanted an appointment with her, but that it was

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not a medical problem. She wanted to talk to [redacted] about [redacted]  
and after [redacted] stated there was no problem, [redacted] made several  
threats to her. This was the end of this incident.

Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] what she knew about the [redacted]  
[redacted] said [redacted] was a high Communist Party official in [redacted] who,  
after attending a meeting in [redacted] wrote a  
letter criticizing the U.S. Communist Party for its stand on the Communist  
Party cooperating in a friendly fashion with capitalist leaders. EARL  
BROWDER, then head of the Communist Party, USA, was relieved of his leader-  
ship. This caused quite an upheaval in the Party for a while. Many Commu-  
nist Party members were confused, bewildered, and disillusioned because of  
this.

[redacted] said that during the period of the Soviet-Nazi Pact, the Communist  
Party discussed plans for an underground communication system with doctors  
acting as centers for messages and literature, and also acting as couriers.  
This was an ideal situation, as doctors offices would not be suspected. [redacted]  
[redacted] said that the Party could mobilize meetings, attendance at hearings,  
and campaigns quickly.

[redacted] stated that the Communist Party was not interested in individuals,  
but used issues or anything that would further the Communist Party cause.  
She stated that the final blow of disillusionment was the Korean War. She  
stated that after the Korean conflict started she had read articles written  
by someone whom she trusted regarding the atrocities in Korea. She called  
the FBI and volunteered information about the Communist Party.

Mr. COMBS asked the witness if she was familiar with the COMMUNITY MEDICAL  
CENTER and if it had a concentration of Communist Party members. [redacted]  
[redacted] said she knew quite a bit about the Center, as she was in on the first meet-  
ings or two of its organization. She said it had a concentration of Commu-  
nist Party members on its staff. She said that doctors had used Communist  
money to build the WILSHIRE-CARTHAY MEDICAL BUILDING at 6333 Wilshire Blvd.  
Both of these centers are known as concentration points of Communist doctors  
in Los Angeles.

[redacted] testified that after her appearance before the HUAC in Washington,  
D.C., there were many attempts at harrassment by the Communist Party. They  
tried to discredit her by spreading rumors that she was [redacted]  
[redacted] On several occasions Communist Party members  
tried to prevent [redacted]

[redacted] identified the following [redacted] as Communist Party members: [redacted]

She listed the following [redacted] as Communist Party members: [redacted]

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[redacted] said she had seen [redacted] at Communist social functions, but could not place him as a member of the Communist Party.

The Committee thanked [redacted] for her testimony and excused her. The Committee then called the next witness, [redacted]

Mr. COMBS asked [redacted] in what capacity she was employed. She stated that she was [redacted]

[redacted] said she became affiliated with the ARTS, SCIENCES & PROFESSIONS COUNCIL, Medical Division, and attended many meetings. She also said that she had been affiliated with other organizations, which was brought about because of her membership in the A.S.P.

She listed the following meetings which she had attended: [redacted] Membership meeting of the ASP [redacted]  
[redacted]

Mr. COMBS interrupted and asked [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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[REDACTED]  
The hearing was recessed until [REDACTED]

The hearing opened at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] continued her testimony, which was started during the morning session. She continued testifying naming the following meetings and some of those present and her capacity at the meeting:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[redacted] was then excused, and Mr. COMBS read into the report an article on ASPC found in the Committee reports of 1947, Page 236, and 1948, and 1949, and May 1954, Page 6,008. Senator BURNS then called [redacted] to the witness stand.

[redacted] testified [redacted]

He then related the reasons why the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION has become so vitally interested in the Communist infiltration of the Medical Profession. He told how [redacted] other doctors had attended ASPC and other front meetings to educate themselves on the program of infiltration of the Communist front organizations. He thanked the Committee for its assistance in the investigation.

Senator BURNS excused [redacted] and thanked the different agencies who had helped the Committee. They adjourned the Committee at 12 Noon.

Investigators observed the following persons, known to be affiliated with leftwing causes, present at this hearing: [redacted]

Attached to this report are photos taken in the hearing room of both witnesses and spectators. Also attached are clippings from Los Angeles newspapers re this hearing.

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FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE  
AMERICAN FREEDOMS  
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Source	Information	Received	Agent	Location
[redacted]	CCPAF meeting, [redacted] held in main ballroom, Alexandria Hotel, 5th & Spring, LA.	[redacted]	Writer (WR)	[redacted]

[redacted] advised that he heard the following speakers:

[redacted]

[redacted] said that the meeting was held to protest the Calif. State Senate Fact-Finding Committee hearings involving subversive activities in the LA County Medical Association.

The informant, during the course of the aforementioned meeting, was furnished a song [redacted] entitled, "Ballad of You and Me." The song, celebrating the 163rd Anniversary of the Bill of Rights was distributed under the auspices of the CCPAF, 4274 Beverly Blvd., LA 4, Calif. The copy of this song obtained by informant at the meeting is filed in [redacted]

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cc: [redacted]

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DATE: 1/17/55

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA SENATE FACT-FINDING  
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On [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] orally that the Calif Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities conducted public hearings in LA, from 12/6/54 to 12/11/54, the sessions being held in the Calif. State Bldg., LA. The sessions were presided over by Calif. State Senator HUGH M. BURNS, Chairman. The committee counsel was RICHARD E. COMBS. The hearings were held primarily to determine the degree of infiltration by the CP into the medical profession in LA. It should be noted that the investigation by the captioned committee had been requested by the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

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100-1783 (LACFPB)  
100-45313 (WOMEN FOR LEGISLATIVE  
ACTION)  
100-30992 (CDFEP)  
100-11648 (LACSJRC)

100-34005 (SCPC)  
100-33633 (NLG)  
100-23717 (CRC)  
100-41149 (COMMITTEE FOR  
MEDICAL FREEDOM)

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[redacted] advised the following persons appeared before the committee on [redacted] and were characterized as "friendly witnesses."

[redacted]

[redacted] declared that the following persons were witnesses on [redacted] and were also characterized as "friendly witnesses," by the committee:

[redacted]

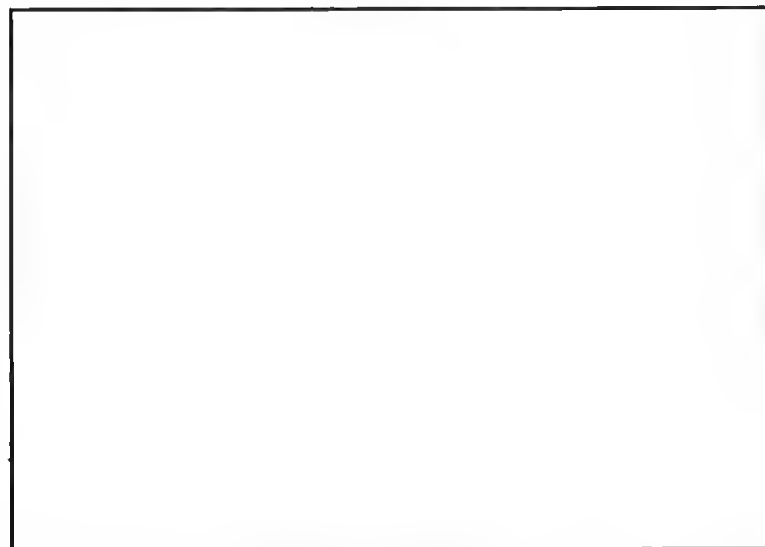
[redacted] advised the following persons were present before the committee on [redacted] in answer to a subpoena. These witnesses, according to the informant, were characterized as



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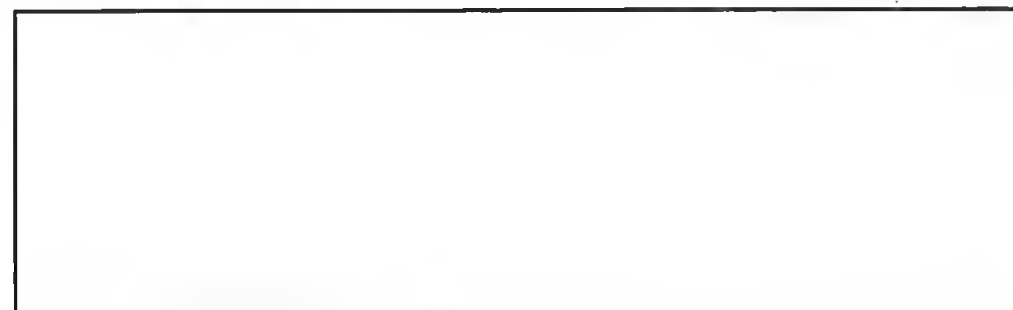
"unfriendly witnesses." These witnesses and their respective counsels are as follows:

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The informant declared that [redacted] appeared by stipulation for [redacted] and refused on Constitutional grounds to state whether or not [redacted] was ever a Communist or active in subversive organizations.

[redacted] advised that the following witnesses appeared before the committee on [redacted]. All of the witnesses, according to informant, refused to answer questions concerning whether or not they had ever been a member of the CP, questions concerning the HASP or the Community Medical Center. In defense of their actions, the witnesses referred to the First, Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the U. S. Constitution, to Article One of the California Constitution, and the Sherman-Clayton Act. The witnesses who were called upon to testify and who were characterized as "unfriendly," are the following:



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the following persons testified before the committee on [REDACTED]. None of the witnesses were accompanied by counsel and each were characterized by the informant as being "friendly witnesses." These witnesses were identified as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The informant declared that the hearing concluded on [REDACTED] after hearing witnesses [REDACTED]

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Mr. RICHARD E. COMBS, counsel for the committee, declared that the Calif. Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities has found the HASP to be "a basic Communist front with a long record of succession from other Communist fronts." COMBS said the background of the HASP included the Hollywood Democratic Committee, National Citizens Political Action Committee, and the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

Mr. COMBS advised that the committee hoped to subpoena and question a number of individuals connected either directly or indirectly with the medical profession. He stated practically all of the persons so subpoenaed were expected to be uncooperative. The following persons were not called before the committee as anticipated by Mr. COMBS.



Mr. COMBS also advised that the following would be subpoenaed if located:



Mr. COMBS declared the following individuals responded to a subpoena, but were unable to appear before the committee. However, these persons instructed their attorneys to enter stipulations in their behalf:



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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO  
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[REDACTED]

Informant advised [REDACTED] officiated at a meeting sponsored by the CCPAF which was held as a mass protest against the hearings which have been conducted in Los Angeles California by the California State Senate Fact-Finding Committee under the Chairmanship of State Senator HUGH BURNS. The informant noted [REDACTED] appeared on the platform together with other doctors [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] spoke briefly and joked about being called a "subversive" and stated in brief the United States had been founded by subversives. [REDACTED] according to the informant, also cited a case of racial prejudice which occurred at the Queen of Angels Hospital, Los Angeles, California. The informant stated a resolution was proposed at the meeting which, in brief, suggested that no segregation be allowed in hospitals, patients be allowed to choose their own doctors, an appeal be directed to the Los Angeles County Medical Association to urge adoption of socialized medicine and finally, that adequate attention be given minority groups.

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The informant advised the slogan adopted at the conference was "Fear Not For Freedom." The informant stated that the meeting was sponsored by the CCPAF, Women for Legislative Action, Hollywood ASPC.

The informant was successful in obtaining two pamphlets, one issued by the Community Medical Foundation, 1236 South Lake Street, Los Angeles, California, which consisted of the advantages obtained by membership in the Community Medical Foundation. [redacted]

The informant also furnished a song sheet [redacted] obtained at the conference entitled "Ballad of You and Me" [redacted]. The song sheet was distributed by the CCPAF, 4274 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles 4, California. [redacted]

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FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] former [REDACTED] has been discontinued as an informant of the [REDACTED] Division. [REDACTED] has furnished reliable information in the past [REDACTED] been contacted by SA's [REDACTED] The effective date [REDACTED] termination is [REDACTED]

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# Gas Worker Tells Former Red Ties

By JULIAN HARTT

A veteran Southern California Gas Company employee admitted yesterday he simultaneously was a dues-paying Communist Party member and president of the Utility Workers of America, Local 132, within the vital public utility.

Leland E. Watterman, red-dishnaired instrument repairman, made the admission before the State Senate committee on Un-American Activities as it neared the conclusion of a two-day investigation of Red infiltration of schools and utilities.

Watterman tight-roped his way through two hours of questioning, during which he:

1. Steadfastly refused to provide the names of any fellow Communists, either within the gas company or elsewhere, or the structural workings of the party here, despite his acknowledged membership of some seven years.

2. Claimed he left the Communist organization in "1950 or 1951" but only because of "personal" problems, and not in any sense because he was "disillusioned" with the Red party.

Watterman freely confirmed meetings of an "industrial club" of the Communist Party were held almost monthly at his home over a long period of years.

He cited the First and Fifth Amendments to the United States Constitution, however, plus similar provisions of the California Constitution, to sidestep Committee Counsel Richard Combs' efforts to establish whether his "very small" industrial group was comprised solely of gas company workers.

Watterman did admit, though, to knowing the meaning of Communism.

"faction"—a small, secretive group of Communists within a large non-Communist group, such as the union local, which seeks to put over the "party line" in the bigger group.

He told Senator Hugh M. Burns (Democrat), Fresno, chairman, Sen. John F. Thompson (Republican), San Jose, he was "solicited" to join while living in Alhambra.

## MARXIST TEACHING—

Shortly after becoming a Communist "late in 1943 or early 1944," Watterman said he underwent Marxist instruction in Los Angeles.

Declaring the committee's efforts "morally reprehensible," Watterman declined to give the names of his classmates, or his teacher, as he did whenever the questions of identifications came up.

During his active Communist career, Watterman said, he twice was president of the union local, once was vice president, served also as secretary-treasurer of an industry organizing council, and had been a member of the "negotiating team" which bargained with management.

## NOT "DISILLUSIONED"—

Combs, after Watterman told of "just quitting" the Communists five or six years ago, asked specifically:

"Did you become disillusioned with Communism? Is that the thing that led to your disaffection from the party?"

"Disillusioned?" Watterman repeated, shaking his head. "I can't honestly say I was disillusioned because of anything that happened to me, or that I didn't believe at that time in the same things I had believed in earlier."

Watterman's major complaint against Communism was in his observation that his "small group" was most ineffective; I couldn't see that we were accomplishing any good.

When the public w

ness, the Senators returned to their other fields of investigation, alleged Communist infiltration of the public schools.

She was Mrs. Frances Nelson Himbert, 32 years a Los Angeles school teacher and for the past 11 years a teacher of world geography and history at Fairfax High School.

She was questioned only concerning her admitted membership in the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council, an organization which has been declared a Communist front by the United States Attorney General.

Mrs. Himbert said she only considered it a "civic organization" because there were "so many distinguished and fine people" in it. She said she was "quite certain" that she never used any of its literature in her classes.

Unexpectedly dismissed then as a witness, Mrs. Himbert protested she "was really flabbergasted that you called me down here with no more to ask me than you have."

## RECORD—

Her attorney, A. L. Wirin, pleaded with Committee Counsel Combs to make a statement for the record that the committee had made "no claim of evidence that she is or ever was a member of the Communist Party."

After "off the record" debate, Combs did dictate for the record a brief statement that Mrs. Himbert was called "for the sole purpose" of exploring her affiliation with the Arts Council and:

"No accusations or charges have been made."

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# Unusual Tactics at Red Hearings

## Lawyer Appears in Place of Client and Spurns Senators' Questions

Unusual tactics by Atty. A. L. Wirin, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, yesterday marked the opening of hearings by a State Senate Un-American Activities Subcommittee in the State Building.

Through a stipulation with the subcommittee, Wirin appeared in the place of one witness who had been subpoenaed and invoked constitutional provisions in his behalf. Thus, the witness avoided refusing to testify in person.

Wirin also provided a new wrinkle when he advised two Los Angeles schoolteachers and a school nurse not to answer questions about anything which occurred prior to Oct. 3, 1945, but to answer freely in regard to subsequent events.

### Court Test Seen

This apparently was a move to protect the jobs of the school employees, who are subject to dismissal under the Dilworth Act if they refuse to co-operate with such a committee.

Committee Chairman Hugh Burns (D) Fresno, overruled Wirin's argument that the Dilworth Act limited the authority of the committee and ordered the witnesses to answer. They persisted in their refusal, however, and the matter may be put to a court test.

### 'Absolutely Not'

Howard L. Feldman, of 1534 Winona Blvd., an assistant stock clerk in the library and textbook section of the Los Angeles city schools, was the "empty chair" witness who, it was stipulated, would invoke the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer all questions.

Among the questions which Committee Counsel Richard Combs said he would propound to Feldman was whether or not he is and has been for the last 10 years a member of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association.

Mrs. Alice H. Bohem, 3936 Roderick Road, an English teacher at Stevenson Junior High School, replied "absolutely not" when asked if she was a member of the Communist Party in 1952 but declined to answer for the years prior to 1945.

### Trip to Russia

Counseled by Wirin, she broke her silence about pre-1945 events to explain a trip made to the Soviet Union by a former husband in the early 1930s. She said it was a business trip for the purpose of selling an invention and she had paid the expenses — not the Communist Party.

Maurice Levin, 10618 McClellmont Ave., Tujunga, teacher of drafting and shops at Verdugo Hills High School, also volunteered some testimony about an incident alleged to have occurred prior to the crucial date — but declined to discuss others.

Levin denied he had attended a county convention of the Communist Party Sept. 16, 1945, in the Park Manor Auditorium, 2200 W 7th St. He said he was in the Navy at the time.

He admitted he was a member of the International Workers Order up to 1947, for the purpose of buying the insurance it offered. He refused to answer, however, when asked if he had been a Communist Party functionary under the name of Lewis Martin.

Mrs. Gorne K. Weinstein.

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**SWORN IN**—Mrs. Goldie Weisstein, who would talk only of dates after 1945.  
Times photo



**WITNESS**—Former teacher Eorl Weissbaum denied he had ever been a Red.  
Times photo

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17537 Tribune St., Granada Hills, a school nurse for the Los Angeles City Board of Education, denied affiliation with Communist groups since 1945 but likewise declined to answer questions pertaining to prior dates.

She said she has not heard the name Martha King since 1945 but refused to say if she had been a member of the Communist Party under that name prior to 1945.

### Not a Member

Mrs. Faith Evans Goodman, 426 Cedar St., sixth-grade teacher at Elysian Park Elementary School.

Communist Political Association.

Advised by Atty. Leo Branton Jr., however, Weissbaum invoked the First and Fifth Amendments in refusing to reveal if he had contributed to the Pacific Coast Youth Recorder or had been affiliated with the Labor Youth League, Civil Rights Congress, American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born, Hyun Defense Committee or the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council.

Vincent C. Gribben, 1870 E. 134th Place, Compton, a pipeline construction crewman

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**AT RED HEARING**—Mrs. Alice Bahem, an English teacher, is sworn in at hearing of State Senate Un-American Activities Subcommittee. In background is Atty. A. L. Wirin, American Civil Liberties Union. Times photo



**TESTIFIES** — Maurice Levin, Verdugo Hills High School teacher, on stand. Times photo



**WITNESS** — Mrs. Faith Goodman, teacher, denies she was ever Communist. Times photo

C/O to Rev. E.J.



# Utility Union Leader Admits Former Red Ties

## Onetime President Tells Senate Committee He Was Communist Party Member 7 Years

A gas company employee active in union affairs yesterday made a halfhearted "confession" of seven-year membership in the Communist Party before a State Senate Un-American Activities Subcommittee in the State Building.

Leland R. Watterman, of 1336 Sutherland St., onetime president of Utility Workers Union Local 132, detailed his own activities in the party from early 1944 to late 1950, but refused to involve others.

### Not Disillusioned

Watterman, an instrument repairman in the transmission department of the Southern California Gas Co., would not even accept Committee Counsel Richard Combs' suggestion that he finally quit the party in "disillusionment."

"I can't honestly say I was disillusioned because of anything that happened to me or that I didn't believe in the same things that I believed in before," Watterman testified.

"I know it got real wearisome. I couldn't see we were accomplishing any good. Personal problems at home took precedence. I just quit, that's all."

### Mentions Minorities

Asked to explain the "things he believed in," Watterman said he had particular reference to the ideals of trade unionism and the integration of minority peoples, which not only the Communist Party supported.

Watterman said he joined the party in late 1943 or early 1944 while he was working for station of the Southern California Gas Co.

Watterman's grounds for refusing to answer certain questions, but the witness persisted in his refusal.

### Recollection Hazy

Actually, Watterman displayed little knowledge of Communist Party organization and functions. His recollection was hazy even on points about which he expressed willingness to testify.

During his membership in the party, Watterman said, he held the offices of president and vice-president of Utility Workers Union Local 132, secretary-treasurer of a council formed to co-ordinate all the unions in the gas company and was a member of a negotiating team.

Mrs. Frances N. Himbert, who teaches world geography and history at Fairfax High School and has been with the Los Angeles city schools 32 years, testified that she joined the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council sometime before 1949 and remained a member until it went out of existence recently.

She said she regarded it as a "civic organization" rather than a Communist-front group, which it was designated by the committee and the U.S. Attorney General. She said she attended some meetings but was sorry that she was not more active.

After Mrs. Himbert was excused, Wirin objected that it had not been made clear she was not being accused of present or past membership in the Communist Party. Combs then made a statement for the record that she had been called for the sole purpose of exploring her affiliation and activities with the council and no accusations of charges were made with respect to her.

He said he first attended meetings of a club in Alhambra, then moved to Los Angeles and helped organize an industrial club in the party. He said he attended classes at the Workers School here about once a week for eight or 10 weeks. Meetings of the industrial club were held in the homes of members, sometimes his own, he said.

But he refused to identify other members, estimate their number or reveal whether any of them were gas company employees. He invoked the First and Fifth Amendments, professing a fear of possible future prosecution for conspiracy or sedition.

### Won't Involve Others

"My conscience will not permit me to involve others that I am confident are innocent of any wrongdoing," Watterman testified. "The idea of being an informer runs deep against the grain of the American heritage. It is a reprehensible one."

The witness testified in a halting manner and frequently conferred with Atty. A. L. Wirin, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, who sat beside him throughout the questioning.

Committee Chairman Hugh Burns (D) Fresno, overruled with testimony behind closed doors of three co-operative witnesses who had requested that they be heard in executive session.

They were identified as A. Albert Weintraub, 1756 N. Normandie Ave., and Thomas E. Gaddis, 1074 Queen Anne Place, both teachers, and Melvin L. Haddock, 1074 Queen Anne Place, a teacher.

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## Utility Employee Admits Joining Reds, but Won't 'Betray' Others

The first witness before a State Senate Subcommittee on Un-American Activities testified at a hearing here today that he had once been a Communist, but he stanchly refused to talk about anyone else.

Said Leland R. Watterman, of 1336 Sutherland St., an instrument repairman for the Southern California Gas Co. for 17 years:

"The idea of being an informer — tattling in school, running to the boss or betraying people to this committee — is against the grain of our American heritage."

Then Watterman admitted under questioning by Committee Counsel Richard E. Combs that he had joined the Communist Party "late in 1943 or early 1944."

Watterman declined to say whether he had joined the party on his own volition or was recruited, because, he said, this was an example of a question he wouldn't answer lest it involve others.

After attending meetings in Alhambra, Watterman said, he helped set up "a small, industrial-type trade-union Communist club in Los Angeles," adding he often presided at monthly meetings in his home.

He admitted it was not

hard for him to contact the members personally, but declined to say if they were gas company employees.

During the time he was a Communist, he testified, he was president of Local 132 of the Utilities Workers of America ("I was elected three months after joining") and acted as a negotiator during contract talks.

Watterman said he quit the party between 1950 and 1951, and gave this explanation:

"It got real wearisome in this small (industrial) club. I couldn't see we were accomplishing anything good. I just stopped paying dues and participating."

Asked if he quit the party because he became "disillusioned," Watterman replied:

"I can't honestly say I was disillusioned by anything that happened to me. I just got tired of it."

He said Red efforts to re-interest him persisted for about six months, but that

no threats were made against him. He said he has severed all connections with the party, but continues to subscribe to the Daily Peoples World, Communist Party newspaper.

Seven more witnesses, including two reported as "friendly," were scheduled to testify today in the second and closing day of the committee's investigation of Red infiltration of schools and public utilities.

Sen. Hugh Burns is chairman of the inquiry under way in the State Building.

Burns said the group will go into closed session today when the "co-operative" witnesses take the stand, presumably to list unsifted names.

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UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN LOS ANGELES ON AUGUST 6 AND 7, 1956, IN THE  
STATE BLDG.

The Sub-Committee consisted of the following members: Senator HUGH M.  
BURNS, Chairman; Senator JOHN F. THOMPSON; Senator EARL DESMOND, and  
Committee Counsel RICHARD COMBS.

August 6, 1956, Chairman HUGH M. BURNS called the meeting to  
order. [redacted] witness was sworn in -- [redacted]

[redacted] stated she received some literature from the ARTS,  
SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS COUNCIL, but that she was never a member. She  
admitted that she was a member for a brief time in the [redacted]

[redacted] She testified  
that she had never become a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY. The witness was  
excused.

[redacted] the next witness was called. [redacted]

[redacted] testified that she was employed by the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she was not a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY  
in [redacted] advised her not to answer any questions regarding her activity prior to [redacted]

[redacted] told the Committee that under the DILWORTH ACT they had  
no right to question witnesses regarding their past activities prior to [redacted]  
Chairman BURNS overruled the objection and instructed the witness to answer  
the questions. [redacted] testified that [redacted]

[redacted] was then excused.

[redacted] the following witness was sworn in -- [redacted]

[redacted] Under questioning she stated she was living [redacted]  
and that she would not answer any questions concerning her  
activity prior to [redacted] emphasizing the DILWORTH ACT. She refused to answer  
the following questions: [redacted]

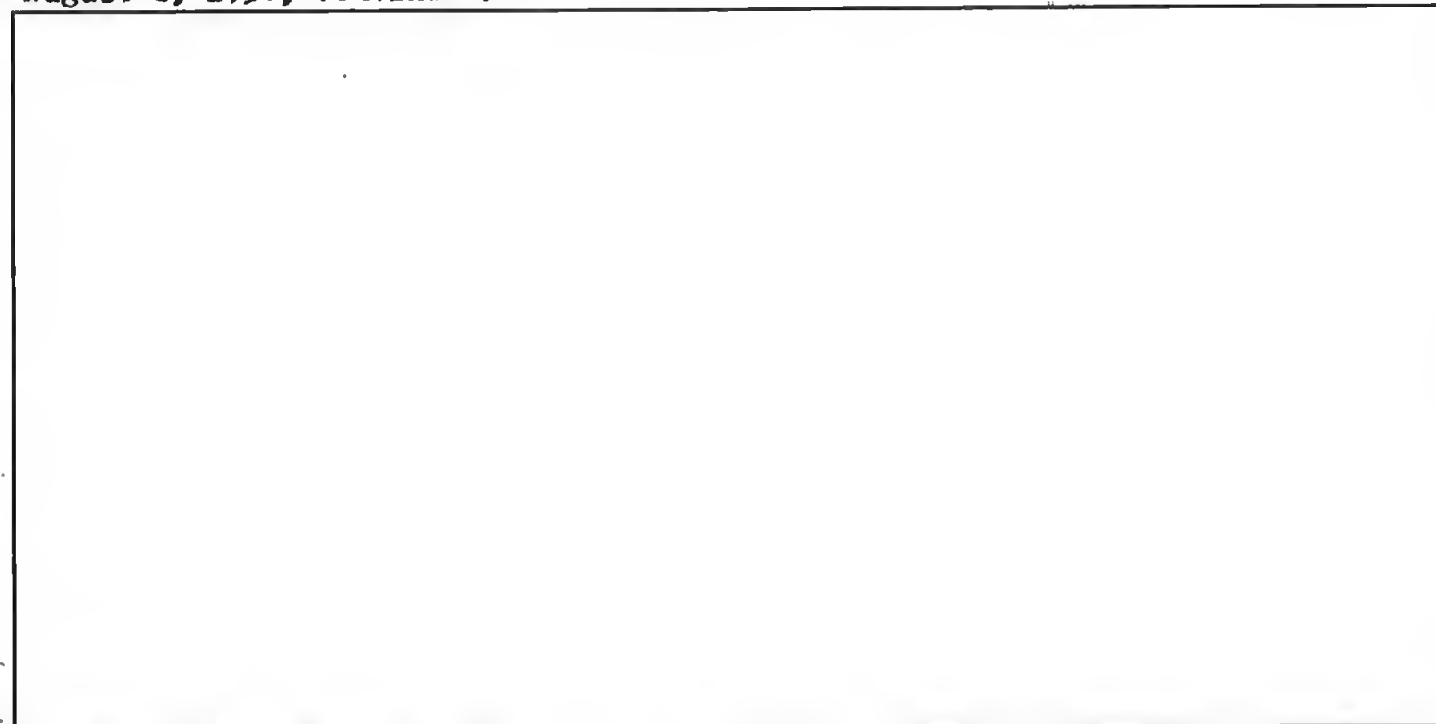
[redacted] Were you ever a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY or the COMMUNIST  
POLITICAL ASSOCIATION? [redacted]

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August 6, 1956, continued:

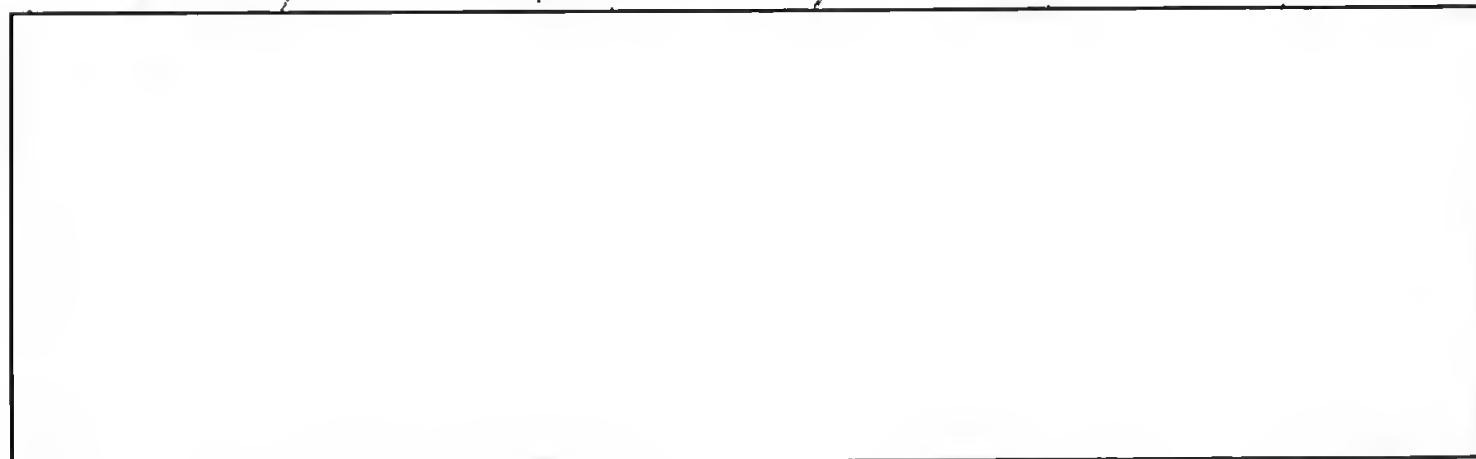


Senator THOMPSON asked that the Chairman instruct [redacted] sign a letter realizing the importance of the proxy refusal, so that it might be read into the record. [redacted] said that he would have [redacted] execute a letter and see that it was in the Committee's hands by tomorrow.

The Chairman then recessed the hearing until [redacted]

Those observed in attendance during this morning session were: [redacted]

[redacted] Chairman EVANS called the Committee to order, and [redacted] was called, but was not sworn in, and was excused. (This could possibly be [redacted] No reason for this witness's dismissal was given.



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August 6, 1956 - Testimony of [redacted], continued:

[redacted] said he was not sure. "Have you ever heard of the LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE?" [redacted] asked the Committee if they were going to ask him about a number of organizations, and if they were, could they please read them off all at once. Mr. COMBS said that they were and that he would read them off, as follows: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS COUNCIL, LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN, HYUN DEFENSE COMMITTEE. [redacted] stated that he would like to tell the Committee that he never knowingly belonged to any organization that was detrimental to the United States Government or the American people. He said that he felt some of these organizations had been labeled by this Committee so therefore, he would not answer any questions concerning them, and would stand on the First and Fifth Amendments of the United States Constitution. Mr. COMBS asked if it was not a fact that he was [redacted]

The witness was then excused at [redacted] and then Mr. COMBS called [redacted]

[redacted] Are you now, have you ever been a member or contributor to the COMMUNIST PARTY or the COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION?" [redacted] refused to answer, citing the First and Fifth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The witness was then excused.



August 6, 1956 -- Testimony of [redacted] continued:

[redacted] Mr. COMBS asked if she was now, or ever had been, a member of or contributor to the COMMUNIST PARTY or COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION. She answered, "No." The witness was then excused.

[redacted] the Chairman announced that the [redacted] witnesses scheduled at this time were classified as "friendly witnesses" and would be heard in executive session tomorrow evening. He then recessed the hearing until 10AM, August 7, 1956.

On August [redacted] 1956, [redacted] Chairman BURNS called the hearing to order. Mr. COMBS read the letter from [redacted] which Senator THOMPSON had requested [redacted] to secure. Mr. COMBS stated that [redacted] [redacted], who was scheduled to testify, had given the Committee the information that they had desired and that she had asked to be excused [redacted]

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